



Chef Training Services

Test Driven Cookbook Development

Participant Guide

1: Introduction



Welcome to Test Driven Cookbook Development.

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Introduce Yourself

Name

Current job role

Previous job roles / Background

Experience with Chef

Favorite Text Editor

Before we start let me introduce myself. Then I would like it if everyone had a chance to introduce themselves.

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Expectations

You will leave this class with the confidence to create and extend a cookbook using ChefSpec and ServerSpec in a test-driven development workflow.

You bring with you your own domain expertise and problems. Chef is a framework for solving those problems. Our job is to teach you how to express solutions to your problems with Chef.

The goal of this class is to give you an introduction to these core testing tools that focuses on the workflow and thought process on why and how to best employ them. Testing is a huge domain and will have to keep a tight focus on the challenges and exercises presented in this content. During and throughout the content we will have discussion where we may have additional time to talk about many different topics but in this interest of time and popular opinion we may need to leave those discussions.

During the introductions you learned about the other individuals here in the course with you. They may have shared similar problems and domains. During the time that we are here respectfully reach out to them so that you can continue the conversation, grow each others' knowledge, and become better professionals.

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Expectations

Ask Me Anything: It is important that we answer your questions and set you on the path to be able to find more answers.

Break It: If everything works the first time go back and make some changes. Explore! Discovering the boundaries will help you when you continue on your journey.

All throughout this training I strongly encourage you to ask questions whenever you do not understand a topic, an acronym, concept, or software. By asking a question you better your learning and often times better the learning of those with you in this training. Asking questions is a sign of curiosity that we want to encourage and foster while we are here together.

This curiosity can also be employed by exploring the boundaries of the tools you are using and the language you are writing. The exercises and the labs we will perform will often lead you through examples that work from the beginning to the end. When you develop solutions it is rare that something works from the start all the way to the end. Errors and issues come up from typos or the incorrect usage of a command of the programming language. When you fall off the path it can often be hard to find your way back. Here, if you find yourself always on the correct path explore what happens when you step off of it, what you see, the error messages you are presented with, the new results you might find.

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Testing

Testing is a large domain of tools, languages, and practices.

Learning Testing is like learning a language. You will reach fluency fast but it will take practice until you become comfortable.

The best way to improve your testing skill is to write tests.

Testing is a large topic and we will spend the training focused on the core workflow of test-driven development, the tools, and the language constructs. During this time you will be performing a lot of hands on work by executing the commands and write the source code necessary to complete the objectives. While this means we will not move through a larger body of content it will mean that you have a better understanding of the material and have built the important muscle memory to perform this work after this training is done.

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Group Exercises, Labs, and Discussion


This course is designed to be hands on. You will run lots of commands, write lots of code, and express your understanding.

- **Group Exercises:** All participants and the instructor will work through the content together. The instructor will often lead the way and explain things as we proceed.
- **Lab:** You will be asked to perform the task on your own or in groups.
- **Discussion:** As a group we will talk about the concepts introduced and the work that we have completed.

The content of this training has been designed in a way to emphasize this hands-on approach to the content. Together, we will perform exercises together that accomplish an understood objective. After that is done you will often emphasize an activity by performing a lab. The lab is designed to challenge your understanding and retention of the previously accomplished exercises. You can work through this labs on your own or in groups. After completing the labs we will all come together again to review the exercise. Finally, we will end each section with a discussion about the topics that we introduced. These discussions will often ask you to share your opinions, recent experiences, or previous experiences within this domain.

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Morning	Afternoon
Introduction	Faster Feedback with Unit Testing
Why Write Tests? Why is that Hard?	Testing Resources in Recipes
Writing a Test First	Refactoring to Attributes
Refactoring Cookbooks with Tests	Refactoring to Multiple Platforms
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This is the outline of the events for this training. Please take a moment to review this list to ensure that the topics listed here meet your expectations. Take a moment to note which topics are of most interest to you. Also note which topics are not present here on this list. We will discuss your thoughts at the end of the section.

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EXERCISE




Pre-built Workstation

We will provide for you a workstation with all the tools installed.

Objective:

- ☐ Login to the Remote Workstation

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As I mentioned there is a lot work planned for the day. To ensure we focus on the concepts we introduce and not on troubleshooting systems we are providing you a workstation with the necessary tools installed to get started right away.

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Login to the Workstation



```
> ssh IPADDRESS -l USERNAME
```


```
The authenticity of host '54.209.164.144 (54.209.164.144)' can't
be established.RSA key fingerprint is
SHA256:tKoTsPbn6ER9BLThZqntXTxIYem3zV/iTQWvhLrBIBQ.Are you sure
you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
chef@54.209.164.144's password: PASSWORD
chef@ip-172-31-15-97 ~]$
```

I will provide you with the address, username and password of the workstation. With that information you will need to use the SSH tool that you have installed to connect that workstation.

This demonstrates how you might connect to the remote machine using your terminal or command-prompt if you have access to the application ssh. This may be different based on your operating system.

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EXERCISE




Pre-built Workstation

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Objective:


- ✓ Login to the Remote Workstation

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Now that you are connected to that workstation we have taken care of all the necessary work to get started with the training.

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DISCUSSION




Discussion

What topics are you most interested in learning?

What topics are missing that you want to learn about?

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Let us end with a discussion about the following topics.

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DISCUSSION




Q&A

What questions can we answer for you?

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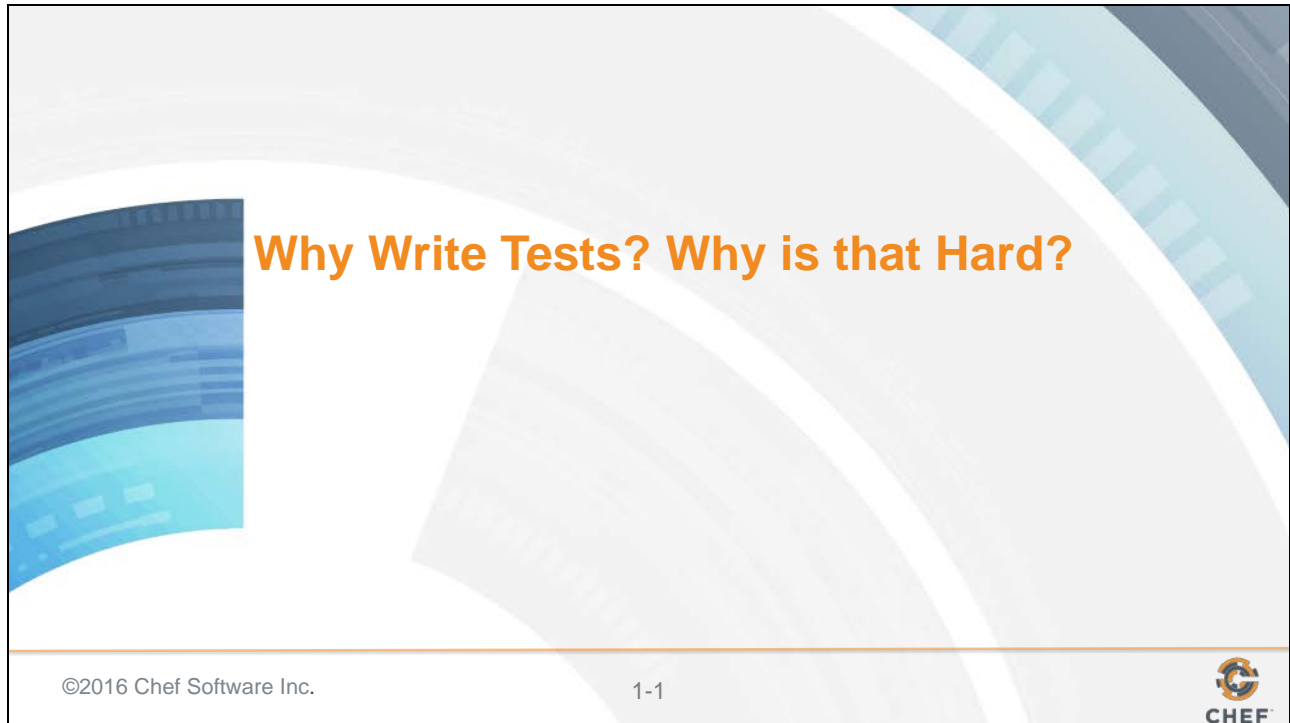


Before we continue let us stop for a moment answer any questions that anyone might have at this time.

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2: Why Write Tests? Why is that Hard?



Why should you write tests? Why is important that we write tests for the recipes and the cookbooks that we define. Some of you here may be because you are starting to see an importance to what testing can provide. Others of you may not be convinced. Wherever you stand the real reason you came here to learn is to break down the barriers that make testing hard. Because testing is hard!

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EXERCISE




Why Write Tests? Why is that Hard?

Should I write a test? Perhaps the answer to that question lies in: why write tests?

Objective:

- ☐ Discussion about Writing Tests
- ☐ Discussion about Why Writing Tests is Hard


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All of you likely have a personal answer or opinions to these questions. Good. Capture those because we will have a discussion together. To start the discussion I will provide my thoughts and opinions about why I think it is important to write tests. Then I want you to share your thoughts. Then we will discuss the many reasons that testing is hard.

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CONCEPT

Current Cookbook Development Workflow




1. Write some cookbook code
2. Perform ad-hoc verification
3. Upload the cookbook to the Chef Server

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To understand why it is important to write tests I believe it is important to examine the current cookbook development workflow that most individuals employ.

To provide a few answers to why writing tests are powerful and why are they hard to write we need to look at our current cookbook development workflow.

On your local workstation you will write cookbook code. Creating a new recipe to meet new requirements, fixing a bug in an existing recipe, or refactoring complicated recipes into several smaller recipes, helper methods, or maybe even a custom resource.


When you are done with those changes you will spend a few moments visually scanning the code to ensure that your syntax is correct. That every block you start with a 'do' has a matching 'end'. Check your node attributes for spelling issues. Each key-value pair within the hash has a comma that follows.



After enough examination we feel comfortable to upload the cookbook to the Chef Server.

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CONCEPT

Current Cookbook Development Workflow






1. Chef-client run retrieves the updated cookbook
2. Perform ad-hoc verification
3. Promote the cookbook to the next environment

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You login to a test node that you patiently bootstrap into a union environment. This is an environment we setup with no cookbook restrictions allowing chef-client to synchronize and apply the latest changes in the recently completed cookbook. Here you see if you got the right package names, spelled all our cookbook attributes correctly, and didn't typo any of the configuration in the templates. If everything converges without error you poke around the system -- running a few commands to see if ports are blocked, services are running, and the logs don't show any errors. Logging out of the working system you feel pretty comfortable promoting the cookbook to the rehearsal environment.

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CONCEPT

Current Cookbook Development Workflow






1. Chef-client run retrieves the updated cookbook
2. Perform ad-hoc verification
3. Establish monitoring for deployed services

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Here in this new environment you may log into another system. Manually perform a chef-client run and then poke around again if everything works. You also may not. It was such a small change and everything worked on the other machine -- so it's likely to work here. Right? Instead of running through a series of ad-hoc verifications again on a new system in this environment - you start to think of the backlog of things that need to get done.

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PROBLEM


Risk

Every change to our cookbooks introduce risk. Validating every change would take too long in this system. To alleviate that we often batch these changes up. Batching up the changes make it harder to discover when we introduced an error.



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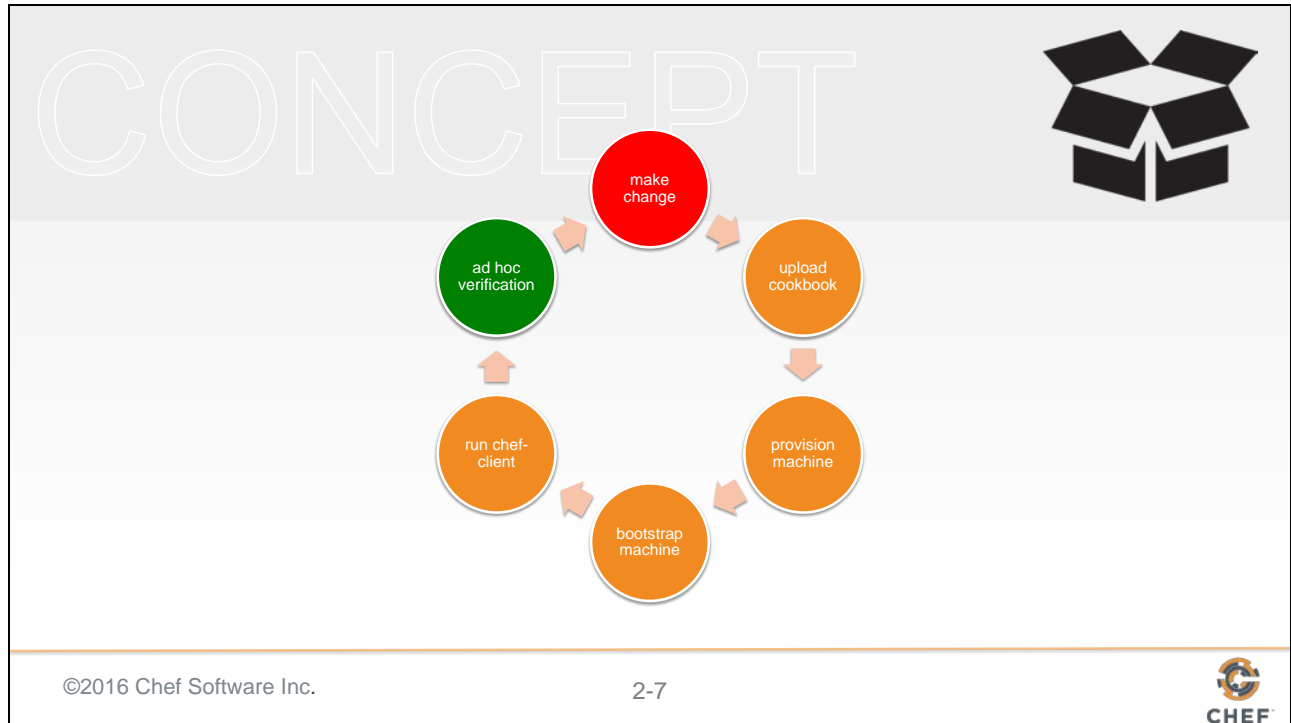
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Every time we make changes to our cookbooks we are introducing risk. Ideally we would validate every change to the cookbook but often do not because the amount of time it takes is far too prohibitive. Instead we often will batch up these changes into a set that we will validate. A set of changes like this can often hide errors that we may have introduced. This is definitely true as the complexity of the cookbook code increases.

We have a choice. We can slow down; validating every change. We can also stop making changes altogether. Or we can adopt new practices, like testing, to help us validate these changes faster; allowing us to continue to move quickly as we continue to satisfy new requirements.

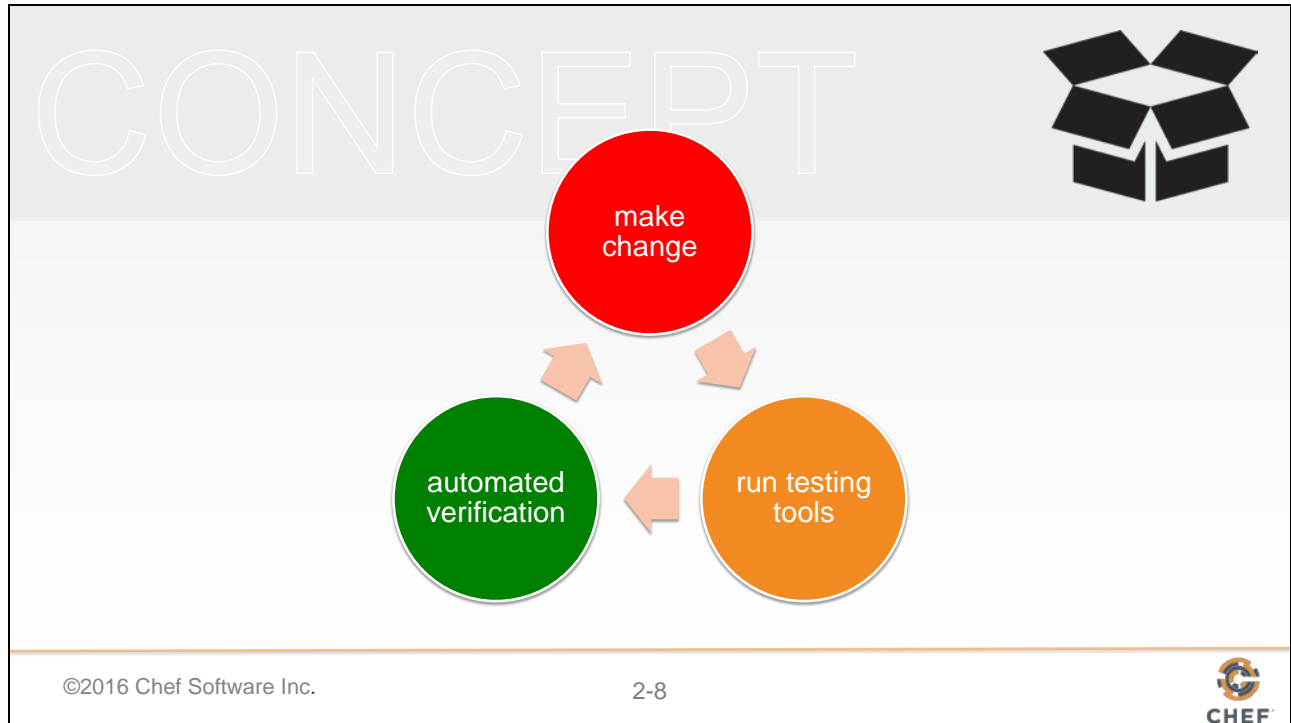
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Carrying out testing at every stage (e.g. union, rehearsal) gives great feedback on its success at the cost of the time required for each cookbook to be pushed through this workflow.

Every change needs to be verified in this manner because Ruby, the language Chef is built on, is a dynamically typed programming language. Dynamically typed languages do checking at run-time as opposed to compile-time. This means that ruby files in our cookbook are not executed, thus not validated, until they are run. We also have the problem that we may even write the Ruby correctly but fail to understand the state of the host Operating System (OS) we are attempting to deploy against.

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Writing and executing tests decreases the amount of time spent between when you make a change to when you can verify that change. This reduces the risk within the system.

How testing does address the speed of execution is by removing many of the outside dependencies and allowing you to execute your recipes against in-memory representations of the environment. Or automating the management of virtual machines and the process of executing your recipes against those virtual machines. And second, by allowing you to capture and automate the work that was previously performed in ad hoc verification.

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DISCUSSION



Discussion

What are reasons you see for writing tests?


What are reasons you see for not writing tests?

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I shared with you my opinion on why I think it is important to write tests. Now I would like to understand what reasons you see for writing tests. I would also like to know your reasons for not writing tests.

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EXERCISE




Why Write Tests? Why is that Hard?

To test or not to tests. It's no longer the question. Now I need to think: what makes writing tests challenging?

Objective:

- ✓ Discussion about Writing Tests
- Discussion about Why Writing Tests is Hard

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You may or may not be convinced that there is value in writing and executing tests. If the opinions we all have expressed has not convinced you I encourage you to continue to find more discussions where you can hear more opinions and share yours with others. It is important to have these discussions within your teams and your organization.


I want to now focus the discussion on the reasons why writing tests are hard. Similar to the previous discussion I want to provide my opinion to start the discussion. I want you to also contribute your opinions and experiences as they are equally valuable.

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CONCEPT


Another Language

Learning to write tests require you to learn a whole new language that you must understand grammatically.



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The language you use to define your tests in is not the same as the language you use to compose your original intentions. To test your code you need to write more code. However, this new code that you write is different as you are expressing your desired expectations of the system across a number of scenarios. This requires you to learn one or more new languages which have completely new systems and structures.


Testing asks you to solve a different problem in a different order when compared to process of writing software. You have to overcome particular challenges created by an implementation and express the desired expectations of that implementation before it is even built.

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Another Workflow

Executing tests requires learning new tools, commands, flags and configurations with entirely new mechanisms that provide you feedback.



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Testing also asks you to change your behaviors through the new tools required to execute the tests. These tools represent a huge domain of knowledge expressed in all the commands, flags, and configuration that must be understood to be used correctly and then effectively as the complexity of your testing tools grow. The largest, and most immediate impact is on your development workflow which has to adopt new steps that feel unsure and even more unreliable as you receive a barrage of feedback in unfamiliar formats.

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DISCUSSION




Discussion

What are reasons you see that make testing hard?

What are some of the the ways in which you have made it less hard?

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I shared with you my opinion on why I think it is hard to write tests. Now I would like to understand what reasons you see that make testing hard.

After we have expressed a set of reasons we should leave time within the discussion to discuss ways in which you have made it less hard.

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EXERCISE




Why Write Tests? Why is that Hard?

I may or may not be convinced. The important thing is I understand what others around me think ... now I have more information to make up my mind.

Objective:

- ✓ Discussion about Writing Tests
- ✓ Discussion about Why Writing Tests is Hard

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With our two discussions complete lets pause now for any questions that were not covered or even came out of the discussions.

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DISCUSSION



Q&A

What questions can we answer for you?

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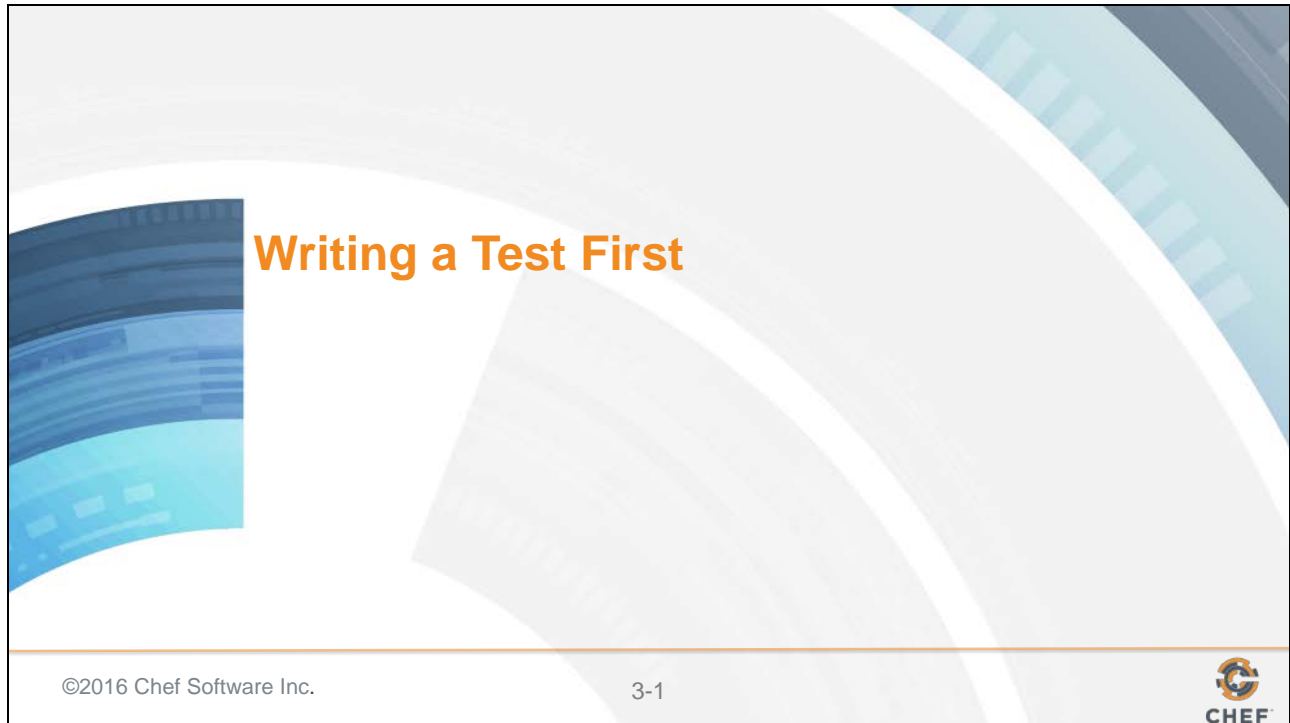


Before we complete this section and start learning some of these new tools and languages let us pause for questions.

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3: Writing a Test First





Writing tests are often difficult. Writing tests before you have written the code that you want to test can often feel like a leap of faith. An act that requires a level of clairvoyance reserved for magicians or con-artists. Some have likened it towards starting a story by first writing the conclusion.

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CONCEPT

Test Driven Development

1. Define a test set for the unit first
2. Then implement the unit
3. Finally verify that the implementation of the unit makes the tests succeed.
4. Refactor



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Test Driven Development (TDD) is a workflow that asks you to perform that act continually and repeatedly as you satisfy the requirements of the work you have chosen to perform.

TDD generically focuses on the unit of software any level. It is the process of writing the test first, implementing the unit, and then verifying the implementation with the test that was written.

A 'unit' of software is purposefully vague. This 'unit' is definable by the individuals developing the software. So the size of a 'unit of software' likely has different meanings to different individuals based on our backgrounds and experiences.

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CONCEPT




Behavior Driven Development (BDD)

Behavior-driven development (BDD) specifies that tests of any unit of software should be specified in terms of the desired behavior of the unit.

Borrowing from [agile software development](#) the "desired behavior" in this case consists of the requirements set by the business — that is, the desired behavior that has [business value](#) for whatever entity commissioned the software unit under construction.

Within BDD practice, this is referred to as BDD being an "outside-in" activity.


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How you choose to express the requirements of that unit is the crux of Behavior Driven Development (BDD). Behavior-driven development specifies that tests of any unit of software should be specified in terms of the desired behavior of the unit. Expressing this desired behavior is often expressed in scenarios that are written in a Domain Specific Language (DSL).

The cookbooks and recipes that you have written so far share quite a few similarities with BDD. In Chef, you express the desired state of the system through a DSL, resources, you define in recipes.

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CONCEPT




TDD and BDD

TDD is a workflow process.

BDD influences the language we use to write tests and how we focus on the tests that matter.

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TDD is a workflow process: Add a test; Run the test expecting failure; Add code; Run the test expecting success. Refactor.

BDD influences the language we use to write the tests and how we focus on tests that matter. The activities within this module focus on the process of taking requirements, expressing them as expectations, choosing one implementation to meet these expectations, and then verifying we have met these expectations.

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Objectives

After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Use chef to generate a cookbook
- Write an integration test
- Use Test Kitchen to create, converge, and verify a recipe
- Develop a cookbook with a test-driven approach

In this module you will learn how to use chef to generate a cookbook, write an integration test first, use Test Kitchen to execute that test, and then implement a solution to make that test pass.

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Building a Web Server

1. Install the httpd package
2. Write out a test page
3. Start and enable the httpd service

To explore the concepts of Test Driven Development through Behavior Driven Design we are going to focus on creating a cookbook that starts with the goal that installs, configures, and starts a web server that hosts the your company's future home page.

This cookbook will start very straight-forward and over the course of these modules we will introduce new requirements that will increase its complexity.

The goal again is to focus on the TDD workflow and understanding how to apply BDD when defining these tests. We are not concerned about focusing on best practices for managing web servers or modeling a more initially complex cookbook.

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Defining Scenarios

Given SOME CONDITIONS

When an EVENT OCCURS

Then I should EXPECT THIS RESULT

When requirements come to us it is rare that the product owners and customers ask us to deliver a particular technology or a software. In our case, I have asked you to setup a web page for your company. I did not specifically state a particular technology but to help limit the scope I have chosen that we are going to build this initial website with Apache.

Behavior driven design asks us to look at the work that we perform from the perspective of our users. Our first job is to develop the scenario that validates the work that we are about to accomplish.

These scenarios that we write are often written in the following format.

This very generically defines any scenario. What we need to do is apply this scenario format to our requirements.

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The Why Stack?

You should discuss...the feature and [pop the why stack](#) max 5 times (ask why recursively) until you end up with one of the following business values:

- Protect revenue
- Increase revenue
- Manage cost

If you're about to implement a feature that doesn't support one of those values, chances are you're about to implement a non-valuable feature. Consider tossing it altogether or pushing it down in your backlog.

- Aslak Hellesøy, creator of Cucumber

If our goal is to setup a new webpage we need to start to ask ourselves the question: Why. Why do we need to setup a website? Asking this question will help us identify for who the website is for and what purpose does it serve for the actor in this scenario.

Often times the why will raise more questions which you continue to ask why. You should do that. Asking why enough times will lead you to the true reason why you are taking action. The interesting thing is that knowing the true reason why will help reinforce your course of action or maybe change it entirely.

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Scenario: Potential User Visits Website

Given that **I am a potential user**

When **I visit the company website in my browser**

Then I should **see a welcome message**

The typical reason for setting up a website is to allow customers, users, potential users to learn more about the company. The needs of the website may change in the future but the first minimum viable product (MVP) is to simply give our users the ability to find out more information.


Our goal now is to define a scenario with this understanding.

This first scenario is enough information to help us build this cookbook with a TDD approach. This practice of defining a scenario is a tactic that I employ to help focus me on the most valuable work that needs to be done.

Important things to notice in the following scenario is the distinct lack of technology or implementation. The scenario is not concerned about the services that are running or files that might be found on the file system.

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EXERCISE




Build a Reliable Cookbook

This time it will be different.

Objective:


- ☐ Create a cookbook
- ☐ Write tests that verifies the cookbook does what we want it to do
- ☐ Execute the tests and see failure
- ☐ Write the recipe to make the test pass
- ☐ Execute the tests and see success

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With the scenario defined it is now time for us to develop the cookbook. We are going to move through the following steps together to accomplish this task.


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Let's Start this Journey in the Home Directory



A terminal window icon is shown on the left. The terminal prompt is `> cd ~`. Below the prompt is a large black rectangular area, likely representing a video player or a redacted section of the slide.

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Let's start the journey on your workstation. From the home directory we are going to creating this cookbook.

Ask Chef About Generating a Cookbook



```
> chef generate --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate GENERATOR [options]
```

```
Available generators:
```

app	Generate an application repo
cookbook	Generate a single cookbook
recipe	Generate a new recipe
attribute	Generate an attributes file
template	Generate a file template
file	Generate a cookbook file
lwrp	Generate a lightweight resource/provider
repo	Generate a Chef code repository
policyfile	Generate a Policyfile for use with the install/push commands

There are a number of tools installed with the Chef Development Kit (Chef DK). One of those tools included in the Chef DK is a tool called 'chef'. The generators provided with the tool will allow us to quickly generate the a cookbook. You can see help about the command with the '--help' flag.

The cookbook generator has only one required parameter and that is the name of the cookbook.

Generate a Cookbook



```
> chef generate cookbook httpd
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
```

```
Recipe: code_generator::cookbook
```

```
  * directory[/home/chef/httpd] action create
```

```
    - create new directory /home/chef/httpd
```

```
  * template[/home/chef/httpd/metadata.rb] action  
create_if_missing
```

```
    - create new file /home/chef/httpd/metadata.rb
```

```
    - update content in file /home/chef/httpd/metadata.rb from  
none to 53a150
```

```
    (diff output suppressed by config)
```

```
  * template[/home/chef/httpd/README.md] action create_if_missing
```

Let's generate cookbook named 'httpd'. The name of the cookbook here resembles the name of a public cookbook in the Supermarket that accomplishes a very similar task. That is the reason why I have asked you to choose the same name.

Sharing the same name as a cookbook within the Supermarket can be problematic. While we may never share this cookbook other individuals within our organization could believe it to be a copy of that cookbook. When it comes to naming cookbooks it may be wise to first search the Supermarket and ensure you are not using a similar name.

View the Tests in the Generated Cookbook




```
> tree httpd
```

```
httpd
├── test
│   ├── integration
│   │   ├── default
│   │   │   └── serverspec
│   │   │       └── default_spec.rb
│   └── helpers
│       ├── serverspec
│       └── spec_helper.rb
```

We can examine the contents of the cookbook that chef generated for us. Here you see that the tool created for us a complete test directory structure.

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EXERCISE




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With the cookbook created it is now time to write that first test that verifies the cookbook does what we want it to do.

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CONCEPT



RSpec and ServerSpec

RSpec is a Domain Specific Language (DSL) that allows you to express and execute expectations. These expectations are expressed in examples that are asserted in different example groups.

ServerSpec provides helpers and tools that allow you to express expectations about the state of infrastructure.

ServerSpec


RSpec

Chef

Ruby

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RSpec is a Behavior Driven Development (BDD) framework that uses a natural language domain-specific language (DSL) to quickly describe scenarios in which systems are being tested. RSpec allows you to setup a scenario, execute the scenario, and then define expectations on the results. These expectations are expressed in examples that are asserted in different example groups.

RSpec by itself grants us the framework, language, and tools. ServerSpec provides the knowledge about expressing expectations about the state of infrastructure.

Auto-generated Spec File in Cookbook

 ~/httpd/test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb


```
require 'spec_helper'

describe 'httpd::default' do
  # Serverspec examples can be found at
  # http://serverspec.org/resource_types.html
  it 'does something' do
    skip 'Replace this with meaningful tests'
  end
end
```

The generator created an example specification (or spec) file. Before we talk about the RSpec/ServerSpec language lets explain the long file path and its importance.

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Where do Tests Live?


```
~/httpd/test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb
```

Test Kitchen will look for tests to run under this directory. It allows you to put unit or other tests in test/unit, spec, acceptance, or wherever without mixing them up. This is configurable, if desired.

<http://kitchen.ci/docs/getting-started/writing-test>

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Let's take a moment to describe the reason behind this long directory path. Within our cookbook we define a test directory and within that test directory we define another directory named 'integration'. This is the basic file path that Test Kitchen expects to find the specifications that we have defined.

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CONCEPT



Where do Tests Live?


```
~/httpd/test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb
```

This corresponds exactly to the Suite name we set up in the `.kitchen.yml` file. If we had a suite called "server-only", then you would put tests for the server only suite under.

<http://kitchen.ci/docs/getting-started/writing-test>

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The next part the path, 'default', corresponds to the name of the test suite that is defined in the `.kitchen.yml` file. In our case the name of the suite is 'default' so when test kitchen performs a ``kitchen verify`` for the default suite it will look within the 'default' folder for the specifications to run.

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CONCEPT



Where do Tests Live?


```
~/httpd/test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb
```

This tells Test Kitchen (and Busser) which Busser runner plugin needs to be installed on the remote instance.

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'serverspec' is the kind of tests that we want to define. Test Kitchen supports a number of testing frameworks.

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CONCEPT



Where do Tests Live?


```
~/httpd/test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb
```

All test files (or specs) are named after the recipe they test and end with the suffix "_spec.rb". A spec missing that will not be found when executing `kitchen verify`.

<http://kitchen.ci/docs/getting-started/writing-test>

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'serverspec' is the kind of tests that we want to define. Test Kitchen supports a number of testing frameworks.

Now that we understand the path let's take a look at the RSpec/ServerSpec language.

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ServerSpec Example

```
describe 'httpd::default' do
  describe command('curl http://localhost') do
    its(:stdout) { should match(/Welcome Home/) }
  end
end
```

example groups

ServerSpec allows you to scope the expectations you right into groups. These groups are given names or ServerSpec resources to help describe their scope. Example groups can be nested and often are to describe a hierarchical structure of state.

In this example we see an outer example group with the name 'httpd::default' and the inner example group with the ServerSpec resource named command. This means that the command example group is within the example group 'httpd::default'.

Example groups can be used to show relationship, like they are done here. They can also be used to create unique scenarios with different states for the system.

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Components of a ServerSpec Example

```
describe 'httpd::default' do
  describe command('curl http://localhost') do
    its(:stdout) { should match(/Welcome Home/) }
  end
end
```

The diagram illustrates the components of the provided ServerSpec example. Callouts point to specific parts of the code:

- cookbook name::suite name**: Points to the outermost `describe 'httpd::default'` block.
- ServerSpec resource**: Points to the `describe command('curl http://localhost')` block.
- attribute of resource**: Points to the `its(:stdout)` attribute query.
- expectation**: Points to the `should match(/Welcome Home/)` expectation.

http://serverspec.org/resource_types.html

The outermost describe here represents the cookbook name and the suite name. The inner expectation is using a ServerSpec resource named `command`. This `command` resource takes a parameter which is the system command it will run. Within the inner example group we are asking for an attribute on the ServerSpec `command` resource.

A `command` resource is one of the few resources that has attributes you can query. In this instance the example is asking for the standard out, abbreviated as `'stdout'`. Lastly we express an expectation that we expect the actual result returned from the standard out to contain the text `'Welcome Home'`.

Remove the Default Test

~/httpd/test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb

```
require 'spec_helper'

describe 'httpd::default' do
  # Serverspec examples can be found at
  # http://serverspec.org/resource_types.html
  it 'does something' do
    skip 'Replace this with meaningful tests'
  end
end
```

Within the test file found at the following path you will find that it is already populated with some initial code. The first two lines are comments that provide a link to the ServerSpec documentation. The next three lines are a placeholder test that when executed notifies you that this test is skipped.

We do not need these comments or the placeholder test so let's remove it from the specification.

Add a Test to Validate a Working Website

~/httpd/test/integration/default/serverspec/default_spec.rb

```
require 'spec_helper'


describe 'httpd::default' do
  describe command('curl http://localhost') do
    its(:stdout) { should match(/Welcome Home/) }
  end
end
```

Define the following expectation that states that when we would visit that site it should return a welcoming message.

ServerSpec provides a helper method that allows you to specify a command. That command returns the results from the command through standard out. We are asking the command's standard out if anywhere in the results match the value 'Welcome Home'.

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EXERCISE




Build a Reliable Cookbook

This time it will be different.

Objective:


- ✓ Create a cookbook
- ✓ Write tests that verifies the cookbook does what we want it to do
- ☐ Execute the tests and see failure
- ☐ Write the recipe to make the test pass
- ☐ Execute the tests and see success

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With the test defined it is now time to execute the tests and see the failure.


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Move into the Cookbook Directory



A terminal window icon is shown on the left. The terminal displays the command `> cd httpd`. The rest of the terminal window is black, indicating that the command has been executed and the output is not visible.

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To execute our tests using the tool Test Kitchen we need to be within the directory of the cookbook.

Review the Existing Kitchen Configuration



```
> cat .kitchen.yml
```

```
---
driver:
  name: vagrant

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

# Uncomment the following verifier to leverage Inspec instead of
# default verifier)
# verifier:
#   name: inspec
```

Before we employ Test Kitchen to execute the tests we need make changes to the existing Test Kitchen configuration file. The cookbook was automatically generated with a '.kitchen.yml'.

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The Kitchen Driver

```
---
driver:
  name: vagrant

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
  - name: centos-6.5

...
```

The driver is responsible for creating a machine that we'll use to test our cookbook.

Example Drivers:

- docker
- vagrant

The first key is driver, which has a single key-value pair that specifies the name of the driver Kitchen will use when executed.

The driver is responsible for creating the instance that we will use to test our cookbook. There are lots of different drivers available--two very popular ones are the docker and vagrant driver.

The Kitchen Driver

```
---
driver:
  name: vagrant

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
  - name: centos-6.5
...
```

This tells Test Kitchen how to run Chef, to apply the code in our cookbook to the machine under test.

The default and simplest approach is to use chef_zero.

The second key is provisioner, which also has a single key-value pair which is the name of the provisioner Kitchen will use when executed. This provisioner is responsible for how it applies code to the instance that the driver created. Here the default value is chef_zero.

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The Kitchen Driver

```
---  
driver:  
  name: vagrant  
  
provisioner:  
  name: chef_zero  
  
platforms:  
  - name: ubuntu-12.04  
  - name: centos-6.5  
  
...
```

This is a list of platforms on which we want to apply our recipes.

The third key is platforms, which contains a list of all the platforms that Kitchen will test against when executed. This should be a list of all the platforms that you want your cookbook to support.

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The Kitchen Driver

```
platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-12.04
  - name: centos-6.5

suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[httpd::default]
    attributes:
```

This section defines what we want to test. It includes the Chef run-list of recipes that we want to test.

We define a single suite named "default".

The fourth key is `suites`, which contains a list of all the test suites that Kitchen will test against when executed. Each suite usually defines a unique combination of run lists that exercise all the recipes within a cookbook.

In this example, this suite is named 'default'.

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The Kitchen Driver

```
platforms:  
  - name: ubuntu-12.04  
  - name: centos-6.5  
  
suites:  
  - name: default  
    run_list:  
      - recipe[httpd::default]  
    attributes:
```

The suite named "default" defines a run_list.

Run the "workstation" cookbook's "default" recipe file.

This default suite will execute the run list containing: The httpd cookbook's default recipe.

Remove Settings from the Kitchen Configuration

```
~/httpd/.kitchen.yml

---
driver:
  name: vagrant

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: ubuntu-14.04
  - name: centos-7.1

suites:
# ... REMAINDER OF THE KITCHEN CONFIGURATION FILE ...
```

The initial Test Kitchen configuration is set up in way for local development on non-virtual machine. Because we are currently on a virtual machine we cannot use vagrant. We are also not interested in those following platforms.

Add Settings to the Kitchen Configuration

```
~/httpd/.kitchen.yml

---
driver:
  name: docker

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: centos-6.7


suites:
# ... REMAINDER OF THE KITCHEN CONFIGURATION FILE ...
```

There are many different drivers that Test Kitchen supports. The docker driver is configured to work on this virtual machine. At this moment we are only interested in verifying that the cookbook we develop works on this current platform.

Later we will return to this configuration file and add an additional platform.

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CONCEPT




Kitchen List

Kitchen defines a list of instances, or test matrix, based on the **platforms** multiplied by the **suites**.

PLATFORMS x SUITES

Running `kitchen list` will show that matrix.

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It is important to recognize that within the `.kitchen.yml` file we defined two fields that create a test matrix; the number of platforms we want to support multiplied by the number of test suites that we defined.

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View the Test Matrix for Test Kitchen



```
> kitchen list
```

Instance	Driver	Provisioner	Verifier	Transport	Last Action
default-centos-67	Docker	ChefZero	Busser	Ssh	<Not Created>

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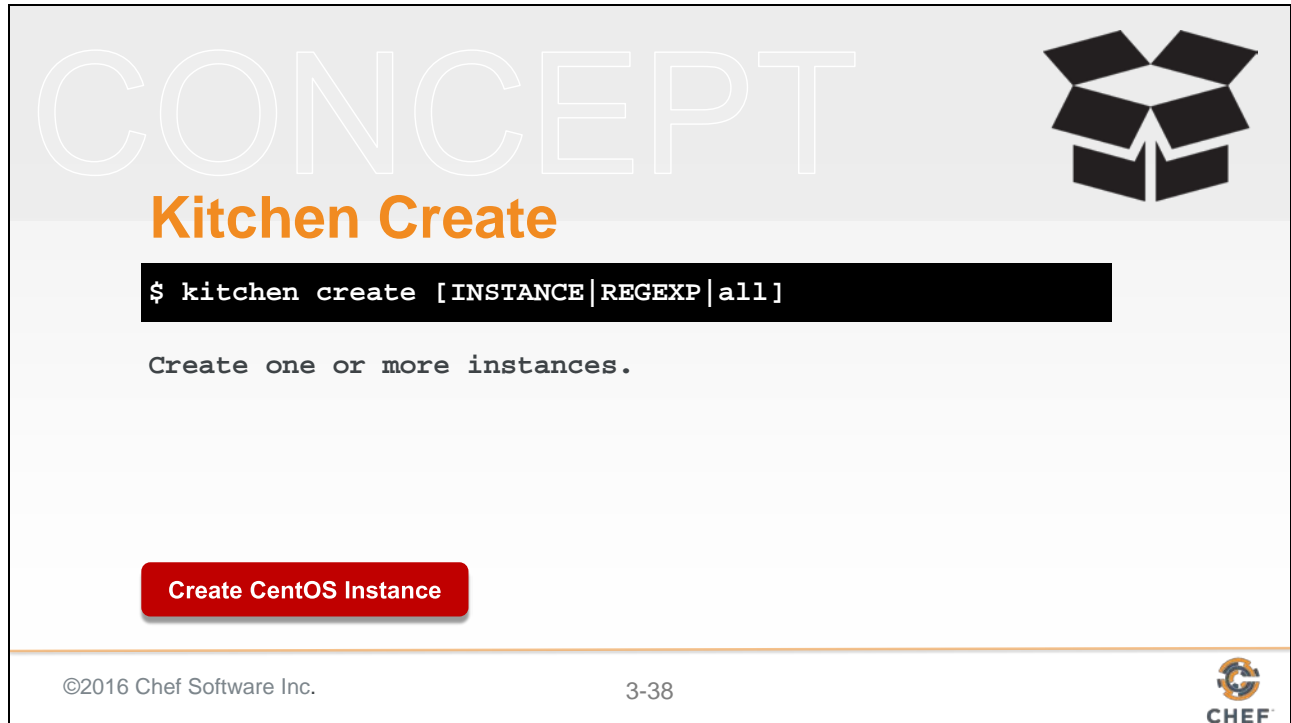


We can visualize this test matrix by running the command ``kitchen list``.

In the output you can see that an instance is created in the list for every test suite and every platform. In our current file we have one suite, named 'default' and one platform CentOS.

Run the following command to verify that the Test Kitchen configuration file had been set up correctly.

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The slide features a light gray background with the word "CONCEPT" in large, white, outlined letters at the top left. To the right is a black icon of an open box. Below "CONCEPT" is the title "Kitchen Create" in orange. A black terminal window displays the command `$ kitchen create [INSTANCE|REGEXP|all]`. Below the terminal, the text "Create one or more instances." is shown. At the bottom left is a red button with the text "Create CentOS Instance". The footer contains "©2016 Chef Software Inc." on the left, "3-38" in the center, and the Chef logo on the right.

CONCEPT

Kitchen Create

```
$ kitchen create [INSTANCE|REGEXP|all]
```

Create one or more instances.

Create CentOS Instance

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Create or turn on a virtual or cloud instance for the platforms specified in the kitchen configuration.

Running 'kitchen create default-centos-67' would create the the one instance that uses the test suite on the platform we want.

Typing in that name would be tiring if you had a lot of instances. A shortcut can be used to target the same system 'kitchen create default' or 'kitchen create centos' or even 'kitchen create 67'. This is an example of using the Regular Expression (REGEXP) to specify an instance.

When you want to target all of the instances you can run 'kitchen create' without any parameters. This will create all instances. Seeing as how there is only one instance this will work well.

In our case, this command would use the Docker driver to create a docker image based on centos-6.7.

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CONCEPT



Kitchen Converge

```
$ kitchen converge [INSTANCE|REGEXP|all]
```

Create the instance (if necessary) and then apply the run list to one or more instances.

Create CentOS Instance

→

Install Chef

→

Apply the Run List

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Creating an image gives us an instance to test our cookbooks but it still would leave us with the work of installing chef and applying the cookbook defined in our `.kitchen.yml` run list.


So let's introduce you to the second kitchen command: 'kitchen converge'.

Converging an instance will create the instance if it has not already been created. Then it will install chef and apply that cookbook to that instance.

In our case, this command would take our image and install chef and apply the `httpd` cookbook's default recipe.

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CONCEPT




Kitchen Verify

```
$ kitchen verify [INSTANCE|REGEXP|all]
```

Create, converge, and verify one or more instances.



```
graph LR; A[Create CentOS Instance] --> B[Install Chef]; B --> C[Apply the Run List]; C --> D[Execute Tests]
```

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To verify an instance means to:

- Create a virtual or cloud instances, if needed
- Converge the instance, if needed
- And then execute a collection of defined tests against the instance

Create the Virtual Instance



```
> kitchen create
```

```
-----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
-----> Creating <default-centos-67>...
    Sending build context to Docker daemon 26.11 kB
    Sending build context to Docker daemon
    Step 0 : FROM centos:centos6
    centos6: Pulling from centos
    47d44cb6f252: Pulling fs layer
    ...
    Finished creating <default-centos-67> (2m28.65s).
-----> Kitchen is finished. (2m29.39s)
```

Create the instance with the following command. Here Test Kitchen will ask the driver specified in the kitchen configuration file to provision an instance for us.

Inspect the Virtual Instance



```
> kitchen login
```

```
$$$$$$ Running legacy login for 'Docker' Driver
```

```
Last login: Thu Feb 18 21:21:39 2016 from 172.17.42.1
```

```
[kitchen@4eae2dd9e741 ~]$
```

You can gain access to this virtual instance that we have created through the specified command. The login subcommand allows you to specify a parameter, which is the name of the instance that you want to log into. In your case, you only have one instance so Test Kitchen assumes you want to log into that one.

You are in now logged into a virtual instance on a virtual instance.

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Exit the Virtual Instance



```
[kitchen@4eae2dd9e741 ~]$ exit
```

```
logout
```

```
Connection to localhost closed.
```

```
[chef@ip-172-31-14-170 httpd]$
```

Logging in to the virtual instance is useful to explore the platform or assist with troubleshooting your recipes they fail in perplexing ways. Right now, we are interested in executing the tests so logout of the instance with the 'exit' command and we will return to the workstation.

Converge the Virtual Instance



```
> kitchen converge
```

```
----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
-----> Converging <default-centos-67>...
$$$$$$ Running legacy converge for 'Docker' Driver
...
-----> Installing Chef Omnibus (install only if missing)
Downloading https://www.chef.io/chef/install.sh to file...
resolving cookbooks for run list: ["httpd::default"]
...
Finished converging <default-centos-67> (0m27.64s).
-----> Kitchen is finished. (0m28.58s)
```

Creating the instance allows us to view the operating system but Chef is not installed and the cookbook recipe, defined in the run list of the default test suite, has not been applied to the system. To do that you need to run 'kitchen converge'. Converge will take care of all of that.

In this instance the default recipe of the httpd cookbook contains no resources. You have not written a single resource that defines your desired state. Before we do that we want to ensure the instance is not already in a state that perhaps already meets the expectations that we defined.

Execute the Tests Against the Virtual Instance



```
> kitchen verify
```

```
-----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
-----> Setting up <default-centos-67>...
-----> Installing Busser (busser)
-----> Verifying <default-centos-67>...
-----> Running serverspec test suite
-----> Installing Serverspec..
-----> serverspec installed (version 2.24.1)
      /opt/chef/embedded/bin/ruby -
I/tmp/verifier/suites/serverspec -I/tmp/verifier/gems/gems/rspec-
support-3.3.0/lib:/tmp/verifier/gems/gems/rspec-core-3.3.2/lib
/opt/chef/embedded/bin/rspec --pattern
```

To verify the state of the instance with specification that we defined we use the 'kitchen verify' command. This command will install all the necessary testing tools, configure them, and then execute the test suite, and return to us the results.

Something that is important to mention is that we could have simply run this command from the start. When no previous instance exists, no instance has been created or converged, this command will automatically perform those two steps. When the instance is running, however, the verification step is only run.

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Understanding the Failure Message

```
>>>>> Verify failed on instance <default-centos-67>.  
>>>>> Please see .kitchen/logs/default-centos-67.log for more details  
>>>>> -----Exception-----  
>>>>> Class: Kitchen::ActionFailed  
>>>>> Message: SSH exited (1) for command: [sh -c '  
  
BUSSEER_ROOT="/tmp/verifier"; export BUSSEER_ROOT  
GEM_HOME="/tmp/verifier/gems"; export GEM_HOME  
GEM_PATH="/tmp/verifier/gems"; export GEM_PATH  
GEM_CACHE="/tmp/verifier/gems/cache"; export GEM_CACHE  
  
sudo -E /tmp/verifier/bin/busser test  
']  
>>>>> -----  
[chef@ip-172-31-14-170 httpd]$
```

kitchen failure

command executed

Now, let's read the results from the kitchen verification to ensure that our expectations failed to be met.

When the command completes you will see a block of code that tells you that the verification failed and that an exception has occurred. Immediately your eyes will start to scan this block of text for some information about the failure and unfortunately you will not see anything to help you understand what is happening. Because what you are looking at is the test command executed by the Busser on the test instance but not the results of the command. To see those results you will need to scroll back up in your history.

Examine the Test Kitchen Results

```
-----> serverspec installed (version 2.24.1)
/opt/chef/embedded/bin/ruby -I/tmp/verifier/suites/serverspec
-I/tmp/verifier/gems/gems/rspec-support-3.3.0/lib:/tmp/.../rspec-
core-3.3.2/lib /opt/chef/embedded/bin/rspec --pattern
/tmp/verifier/suites/serverspec/\*\*/\*_spec.rb --color --format
documentation --default-path /tmp/verifier/suites/serverspec
```

ServerSpec is the default verifier for Test Kitchen. The Busser tool installs it, configures it, and the executes it for you on the test instance.

Scroll back until you can find the message that tells you that serverspec is installed.

Examine the Test Kitchen Results

```
-----> serverspec installed (version 2.24.1)
/opt/chef/embedded/bin/ruby -I/tmp/verifier/suites/serverspec
-I/tmp/verifier/gems/gems/rspec-support-3.3.0/lib:/tmp/.../rspec-
core-3.3.2/lib /opt/chef/embedded/bin/rspec --pattern
/tmp/verifier/suites/serverspec/\*\*/\*_spec.rb --color --format
documentation --default-path /tmp/verifier/suites/serverspec
```

ruby executable

include ruby libraries

rspec executable

rspec parameters

The line that immediately follows it is the command that is executed on the system. The ServerSpec verifier is running ruby, loading up the test suite libraries, executing the command rspec. The rspec command is being provided a number of command-line parameters that tell it: where to find the test files and what they look like; to colorize the output; and how to output the results.

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Examine the RSpec Results

```
httpd::default
  Command "curl http://localhost"
    stdout
      should match /Welcome Home/ (FAILED -1)
```

Failure Number

RSpec displays a summary of the results in the 'documentation' format. This format allows us to read the example groups and see that:

When running the specified command the standard out failed to match the value 'Welcome Home' anywhere within the results.

The results are displayed in color and in RSpec's documentation format. This shows us the example that we wrote in a hierarchal view. The indentation is intentional to show the nested relationships of the example groups and the example. The expectation in the example you defined failed, as we expected. The text will be displayed in red and provide a failure number. Details about the failure will be displayed below.

Examine Failure #1

```
1) httpd::default Command "curl http://localhost" stdout should match ...  
Failure/Error: its(:stdout) { should match(/Welcome Home/) }  
  expected "" to match /Welcome Home/  
Diff:  
@@ -1,2 +1,2 @@  
- /Welcome Home/  
+ ""  
/bin/sh -c curl\ http://localhost  
# /.../serverspec/default_spec.rb:7:in `block (3 levels) in ...
```

actual results

difference

system command

spec file : line number

Each failure is displayed with their failure number, in order, in more detail in a failures section. A failure contains a number of details about the failure.

First it will display a sentence created out of the example groups and example that we defined. Below that it will display all the details about the failure that include: the actual results that were received; the difference between the actual and the expected results; the command run against the virtual instance; and the spec file and line number within that spec file where the failing expectation can be found.

Examine the Test Summary


```
Finished in 0.20256 seconds (files took 0.60564 seconds to load)
1 example, 1 failure
```

A final summary contains the length of execution time with the results shows that RSpec verified 1 example and found 1 failure.

After all the failures a final summary of the results will be displayed which shows us that our test suite contains 1 example and that 1 example failed to meet expectations.

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EXERCISE




Build a Reliable Cookbook

This time it will be different.

Objective:

- ✓ Create a cookbook
- ✓ Write tests that verifies the cookbook does what we want it to do
- ✓ Execute the tests and see failure
- ☐ Write the recipe to make the test pass
- ☐ Execute the tests and see success

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Now we know for certain that the test instance is not in our desired state. When we write the resources now in the default recipe to bring the instance to the desired state we can be certain that we have done it in a way that meets the expectations that we have established.

Write the Default Recipe for the Cookbook

```
~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
package 'httpd'

file '/var/www/html/index.html' do
  content '<h1>Welcome Home!</h1>'
end

service 'httpd' do
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

The following recipe defines three resources. These three resources express the desired state of an apache server that will serve up a simple page that contains the text 'Welcome Home!'.

The package will install all the necessary software on the operating system. The file will create an HTML file with the desired content at a location pre-defined by the web server. The service resource will start the web server and then ensure that if we reboot the system the web server will start up.

Re-Converge the Virtual Instance



```
> kitchen converge
```

```
-----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
```

```
Converging 2 resources
```

```
Recipe: httpd::default
```

```
  * package[httpd] action install
```

```
    - install version 2.2.15-47.el6.centos of package httpd
```

```
  * file[/var/www/html/index.html] action create
```

```
    - ...
```

```
  * service[httpd] action enable
```

```
    - enable service service[httpd]
```

```
  * service[httpd] action start
```


```
    - start service service[httpd]
```

Whenever you make a change to the recipe it is important to run 'kitchen converge'. This command will apply the updated recipe to the state of the virtual instance.

In the output, you should see the resources that you defined being applied to the instance. The package, the file, and the actions of the service.

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EXERCISE




Build a Reliable Cookbook

This time it will be different.

Objective:

- ✓ Create a cookbook
- ✓ Write tests that verifies the cookbook does what we want it to do
- ✓ Execute the tests and see failure
- ✓ Write the recipe to make the test pass
- ☐ Execute the tests and see success

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Now with the desired state expressed in the default recipe and applied to the virtual instance it is time to see if the test we wrote initially will now pass. If it does, that means we got everything right in the configuration we wrote in the recipe. We can declare victory!

Re-Verify the Virtual Instance



```
> kitchen verify
```

```
httpd::default
```

```
  Command "curl http://localhost"
```

```
    stdout
```


```
      should match /Welcome Home/
```

To verify the state of the virtual instance you run the 'kitchen verify' command. In the summary you should find the failing expectation no longer fails.

If it does fail, it is time to review the code you wrote in the recipe file and the spec file. When it was failing did you get a different failure than the one that we walked through? That probably means there is an error in the spec file. Did the test instance actually converge successfully? Sometimes output will scroll by and we don't have time to read it. I get it. Scroll back up and see if there was an error message tucked into the 'kitchen converge' you ran.

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EXERCISE




Build a Reliable Cookbook

This time it will be different.

Objective:

- ✓ Create a cookbook
- ✓ Write tests that verifies the cookbook does what we want it to do
- ✓ Execute the tests and see failure
- ✓ Write the recipe to make the test pass
- ✓ Execute the tests and see success


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So you've done it. You have done Test Driven Development (TDD). Wrote a test. Saw it fail. Wrote a unit of code. Saw it pass.

You created a cookbook. Wrote an expectation in the spec file. Saw the test fail. Wrote a recipe. Applied the recipe. Ran the tests and saw them pass.

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DISCUSSION




Discussion

What value is there is writing the tests before writing the recipes?

Why is it hard to write the tests before you write the recipe?

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Now that you participated in writing a test and then the recipe let's have a discussion.

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DISCUSSION



Q&A

What questions can we answer for you?


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Before we complete this section, let us pause for questions.

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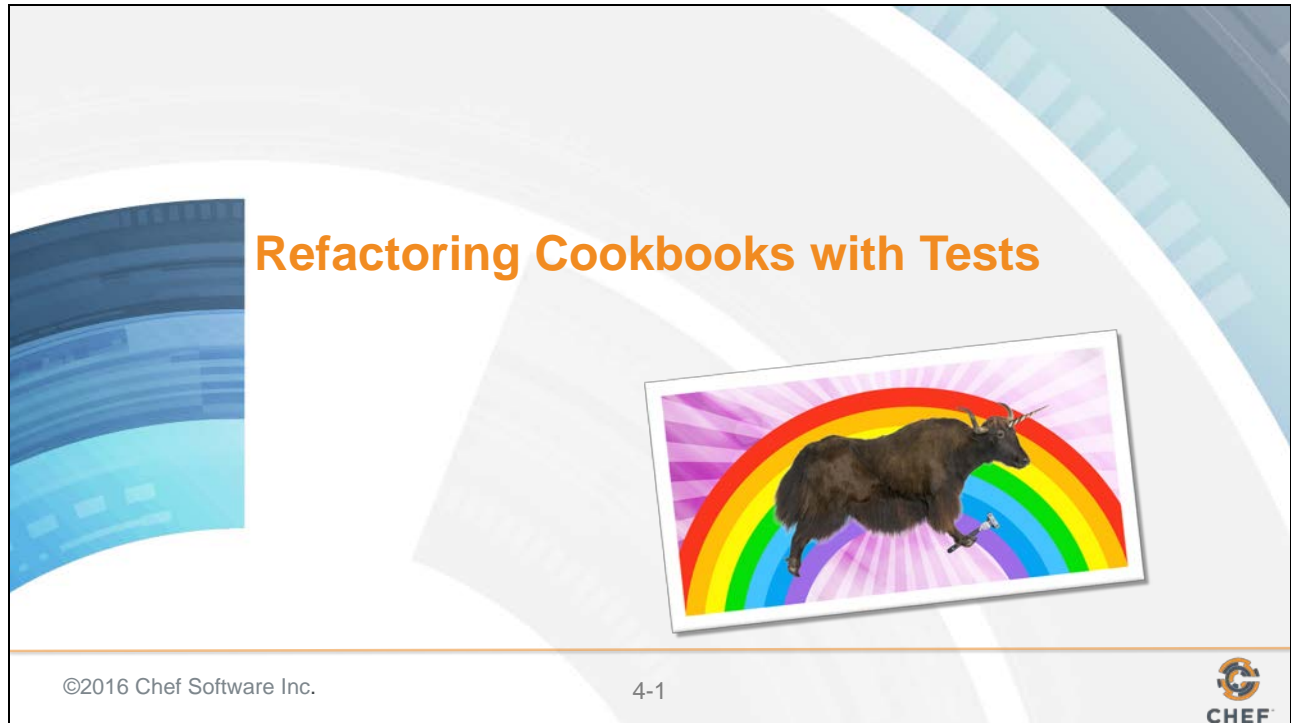
Morning	Afternoon
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Why Write Tests? Why is that Hard?	Testing Resources in Recipes
Writing a Test First	Refactoring to Attributes
Refactoring Cookbooks with Tests	Refactoring to Multiple Platforms
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You have performed almost all of the steps of TDD. Next we are going to use the tests to help us refactor the recipe we wrote. In a series of group exercises we will explore some of the important nuances of Test Kitchen's subcommands: converge and verify. And explore another subcommand named: test.

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4: Refactoring Cookbooks with Tests



We explored the process of developing a test first but to explore the full Test Driven Development (TDD) cycle we need to refactor the code that we wrote.


Refactoring is the process of making changes to the implementation while maintaining the original intention. Without having tests that capture the original intention how do you know if the new implementation did not change the original intention? Fortunately for us we have defined a test that will allow us to make the changes confident that we have not destroyed that original intention.

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CONCEPT


Test Driven Development

1. Define a test set for the unit first
2. Then implement the unit
3. Finally verify that the implementation of the unit makes the tests succeed.
4. **Refactor**



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Refactoring is the often forgotten step in the TDD cycle. When we are able to get our expectations to pass we immediately want to move to our next requirement or next cookbook.

This step is incredibly important. Within it we are able to reflect on the unit of code and tests that we have written and evaluate them. How you evaluate the code may vary based on your experience, the standards defined by the team you work with, or if the code will be shared with the Chef community.

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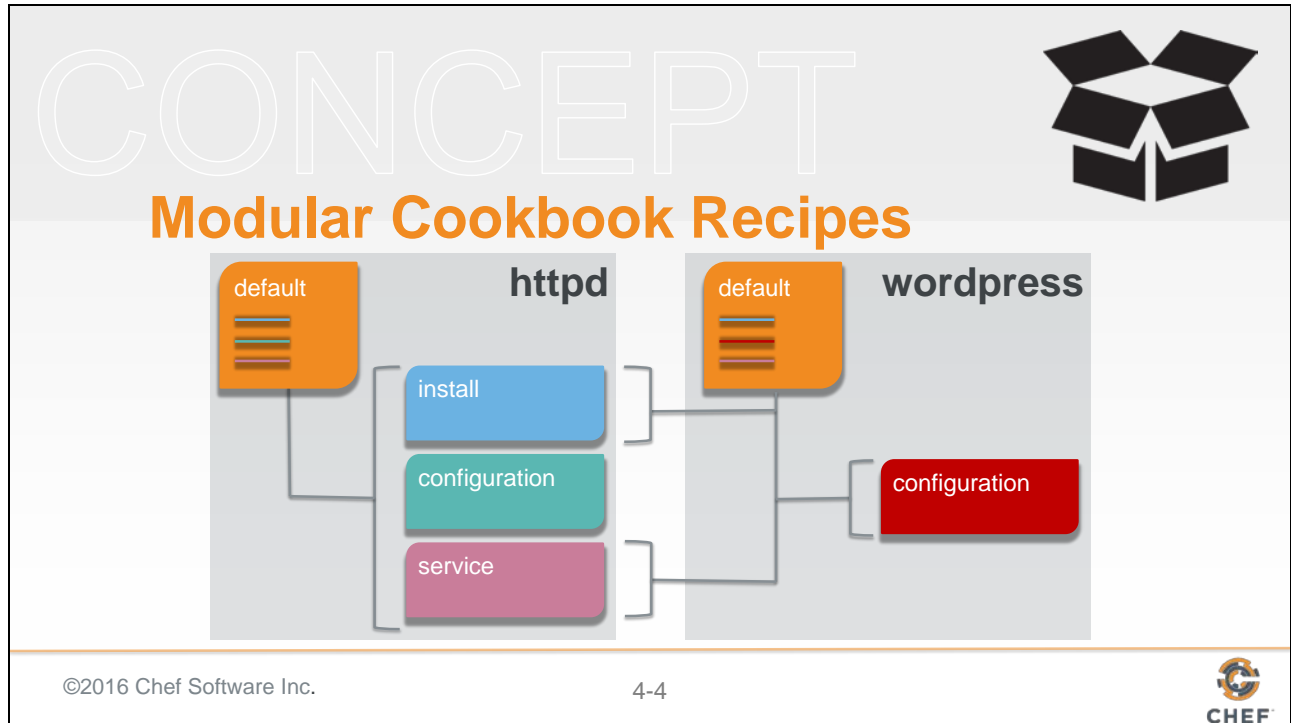
Objectives

After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Refactor a recipe using `include_recipe`
- Use Test Kitchen to validate the code you refactored
- Explain when to use `kitchen converge`, `kitchen verify` and `kitchen test`.

In this module you will learn how to refactor a cookbook using the method 'include_recipe', verify the changes with Test Kitchen, and then explain in what scenarios you would choose to use 'kitchen converge', 'kitchen verify' and 'kitchen test'.

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Our initial implementation of the default recipe for the httpd cookbook defined the entire installation, configuration, and management of the service within a single recipe. This implementation has the benefit of being entirely readable from a single recipe. However, it does not easily allow for other cookbooks that may want to use the httpd cookbook to easily choose the components that it may need.

An example of this is that we may deploy wordpress or some other web application that relies on the apache webserver installed and running. In this new cookbook we would like to re-use the resources of the content that installs apache and the resources that manage the service. We most likely do not want to setup a test page that greets people. We are likely going to replace it with application code.

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CONCEPT




include_recipe

A recipe can include one (or more) recipes located in cookbooks by using the `include_recipe` method. When a recipe is included, the resources found in that recipe will be inserted (in the same exact order) at the point where the `include_recipe` keyword is located.

<https://docs.chef.io/recipes.html#include-recipes>

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The 'include_recipe' method can be used to include recipes from the same cookbook or external cookbooks. It allows us to accomplish what we saw previously. This gives us the ability to build recipes in more modular ways promoting better re-use patterns within the cookbooks we write.

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CONCEPT

Recipe Organization

```
recipes/default.rb
```

```
include_recipe 'cookbook::install'
include_recipe 'cookbook::configuration'
include_recipe 'cookbook::service'
```


The diagram illustrates a modular recipe structure. A central orange box labeled 'default.rb' is connected by a line to a vertical stack of three colored boxes: 'install.rb' (blue), 'configuration.rb' (teal), and 'service.rb' (pink). This represents how a single recipe can include multiple sub-recipes to handle different concerns.

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To allow better re-use we can choose to refactor a single recipe into more modular recipes that focus on their individual concerns. Then these recipes can be included into the original single recipe through the 'include_recipe' method.

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EXERCISE




Refactor to Modular Recipes

This is why we can have nice things!

Objective:

- ☐ Refactor the installation into a separate recipe
- ☐ Converge the cookbook and execute the tests

You called?



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This more modular approach to recipes is very common as the complexity of the cookbook continues to grow. The complexity of the cookbook we are developing is not there, nor will it ever be there for the entirety of this course. However, we are still going to use this opportunity to prematurely optimize to demonstrate the refactoring of a cookbook.

Together we will work through creating a recipe that manages the installation of the webserver.

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Ask Chef About Generating a Recipe



```
> chef generate recipe --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate recipe [path/to/cookbook] NAME [options]
```

```
-C, --copyright COPYRIGHT      Name of the copyright holder...
-m, --email EMAIL              Email address of the author...
-a, --generator-arg KEY=VALUE  Use to set arbitrary arguments...
-I, --license LICENSE          all_rights, apache2, mit, etc...
-g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH,   Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH to
    --generator-cookbook       specify a path to the cookbook
```

First let's return to the chef generator tool and it what information it needs to generate a recipe within a cookbook. The recipe generator can be run from within a cookbook or outside of it. If you are within a cookbook you do not need to specify a path to the cookbook; it's optional.

Generate an Install Recipe



```
> chef generate recipe install
```

```
Recipe: code_generator::recipe
  * directory[/home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes] action create
  (up to date)
  * cookbook_file[/home/chef/httpd/spec/spec_helper.rb] action
  create_if_missing (up to date)
  * template[/home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb]
  action create_if_missing
    - create new file
    /home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
    - update content in file
    /home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb from none to
    187413
```

Since we are within the cookbook directory you simply need to provide it the name of the recipe you want created.

Write the Install Recipe

```
~/httpd/recipes/install.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: install
#
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
package 'httpd'
```

The installation of the web server can be expressed with this one resource. Within the new recipe add the following resource.

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Remove the Resource from the Default Recipe

 ~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

```
#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
package 'httpd'

file '/var/www/html/index.html' do
  content '<h1>Welcome Home!</h1>'
end

service 'httpd' do
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

Now that we have defined the installation of the webserver in a separate recipe it is time to remove the installation from the default recipe.

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Include the Install Recipe


```
~/httpd/recipes/default.rb
```

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
include_recipe 'httpd::install'  
  
file '/var/www/html/index.html' do  
  content '<h1>Welcome Home!</h1>'  
end  
  
service 'httpd' do  
  action [:enable, :start]  
end
```

Replacing it with the 'include_recipe' method that retrieves the contents of that recipe and includes it here.

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EXERCISE




Refactor to Modular Recipes

This is why we can have nice things!

Objective:

- ✓ Refactor the installation into a separate recipe
- ❑ Converge the cookbook and execute the tests

I see what you did there.



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The default recipe has changed. It is now time to ensure that we did everything right by converging the latest changes against the test instance and then verifying the changes by executing our tests.

Re-Converge the Test Instance



```
> kitchen converge
```

```
----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
----> Converging <default-centos-67>...
$$$$$$ Running legacy converge for 'Docker' Driver
...
----> Installing Chef Omnibus (install only if missing)
      Downloading https://www.chef.io/chef/install.sh to file...
      resolving cookbooks for run list: ["httpd::default"]
      ...
      Finished converging <default-centos-67> (0m27.64s).
----> Kitchen is finished. (0m28.58s)
```

Whenever a change is made to a recipe or component of the cookbook it is important to converge the latest cookbook against the test instance.

If an error occurs that likely means that you have a typo within your default recipe or the install recipe.

Re-Verify the Test Instance




```
> kitchen verify
```

```
httpd::default
  Command "curl http://localhost"
  stdout
    should match /Welcome Home/
```

If everything converges successfully it is time to verify the state of the instance with the test that we have defined.

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EXERCISE




Refactor to Modular Recipes

This is why we can have nice things!

Objective:

- ✓ Refactor the installation into a separate recipe
- ✓ Converge the cookbook and execute the tests

Nice shave!




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Together we were able to refactor the cookbook while implementing the installation recipe.

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LAB




The Configuration

- ❑ Create a configuration recipe that defines the policy:

The file named `'/var/www/html/index.html'` contains the content `'<h1>Welcome Home!</h1>'`.

- ❑ Remove the file resource from the default recipe
- ❑ Converge and verify the test instance to ensure there are no failures

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Now it is your turn to do the same thing for the webserver configuration. The only configuration that we currently perform for the webserver is write out a new default home page. We still want to move that resource to a separate recipe and ensure that we made the change correctly.

When you are done we will review the next few slides together to review your work.

Generate a Service Recipe



```
> chef generate recipe configuration
```

```
Recipe: code_generator::recipe
  * directory[/home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes] action create
  (up to date)
  * cookbook_file[/home/chef/httpd/spec/spec_helper.rb] action
  create_if_missing (up to date)
  *
  template[/home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/configuration_spec.rb]
  action create_if_missing
    - create new file
    /home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/configuration_spec.rb
    - update content in file
    /home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/configuration spec.rb from none
```

Generate the configuration recipe within the webserver cookbook.

Write the Configuration Recipe

```
~/httpd/recipes/configuration.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: configuration
#
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
file '/var/www/html/index.html' do
  content '<h1>Welcome Home!</h1>'
end
```

Define all the resources that are related to the configuration of the webserver within this new recipe

Remove the Resource from the Default Recipe

```
~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
include_recipe 'httpd::install'

file '/var/www/html/index.html' do
  content '<h1>Welcome Home!</h1>'
end

service 'httpd' do
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

Remove the resources, that are now defined in the configuration recipe, from the default recipe

Include the Configuration Recipe



~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

```
#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
include_recipe 'httpd::install'
include_recipe 'httpd::configuration'

service 'httpd' do
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

Replace the resources that you have removed with an 'include_recipe' that brings the newly defined configuration recipe.

Re-Converge the Test Instance



```
> kitchen converge
```

```
----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
----> Converging <default-centos-67>...
$$$$$$ Running legacy converge for 'Docker' Driver
...
----> Installing Chef Omnibus (install only if missing)
      Downloading https://www.chef.io/chef/install.sh to file...
      resolving cookbooks for run list: ["httpd::default"]
      ...
      Finished converging <default-centos-67> (0m27.64s).
----> Kitchen is finished. (0m28.58s)
```

The recipe changed so it is important to converge the instance.

Re-Verify the Test Instance




```
> kitchen verify
```

```
httpd::default
  Command "curl http://localhost"
  stdout
    should match /Welcome Home/
```

If everything converges successfully it is time to verify the state of the instance with the test that we have defined.

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LAB



The Configuration


- ✓ Create a configuration recipe that defines the policy:

The file named `'/var/www/html/index.html'` contains the content `'<h1>Welcome Home!</h1>'`.

- ✓ Remove the file resource from the default recipe
- ✓ Converge and verify the test instance to ensure there are no failures

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Congratulations you have successfully refactored the webserver configuration into its own recipe.

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LAB




The Service

- ❑ Create a service recipe that defines the policy:

`The service named 'httpd' is started and enabled.`
- ❑ Remove the service resource from the default recipe
- ❑ Converge and verify the test instance to ensure there are no failures

One last time!



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Now it is your turn to do the same thing for the webserver service.

When you are done we will review the next few slides together to review your work.

Generate a Service Recipe



```
> chef generate recipe service
```

```
Recipe: code_generator::recipe
  * directory[/home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes] action create
  (up to date)
  * cookbook_file[/home/chef/httpd/spec/spec_helper.rb] action
  create_if_missing (up to date)
  * template[/home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb]
  action create_if_missing
    - create new file
    /home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb
    - update content in file
    /home/chef/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb from none to
    1f669c
```

Generate the service recipe within the webserver cookbook.

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Write the Services Recipe

```
~/httpd/recipes/service.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: service
#
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
service 'httpd' do
  action [:enable, :start]
end
```

Define all the resources that are related to the service of the webserver within this new recipe

Remove the Resource from the Default Recipe

~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
include_recipe 'httpd::install'  
include_recipe 'httpd::configuration'  
  
service 'httpd' do  
  action [:enable, :start]  
end
```

Remove the resources, that are now defined in the service recipe, from the default recipe

Remove the Resource from the Default Recipe

```
~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
include_recipe 'httpd::install'
include_recipe 'httpd::configuration'
include_recipe 'httpd::service'
```

Replace the resources that you have removed with an 'include_recipe' that brings the newly defined service recipe.

Re-Converge the Test Instance



```
> kitchen converge
```

```
-----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
-----> Converging <default-centos-67>...
$$$$$$ Running legacy converge for 'Docker' Driver
...
-----> Installing Chef Omnibus (install only if missing)
      Downloading https://www.chef.io/chef/install.sh to file...
      resolving cookbooks for run list: ["httpd::default"]
      ...
      Finished converging <default-centos-67> (0m27.64s).
-----> Kitchen is finished. (0m28.58s)
```

The recipe changed so it is important to converge the instance.

Re-Verify the Test Instance




```
> kitchen verify
```

```
httpd::default
  Command "curl http://localhost"
  stdout
    should match /Welcome Home/
```

If everything converges successfully it is time to verify the state of the instance with the test that we have defined.

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LAB




The Service

- ✓ Create a service recipe that defines the policy:

`The service named 'httpd' is started and enabled.`
- ✓ Remove the service resource from the default recipe
- ✓ Converge and verify the test instance to ensure there are no failures

My hair will grow back.




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Congratulations you have successfully refactored the webserver service into its own recipe.


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DISCUSSION



Do Our Tests Really Work?

What if we removed code from within the recipes and ran the tests?

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During the group exercise and the lab we made changes to the recipes that we were able to verify on the test instance. If you accidentally or purposefully created a typo for yourself you would have seen the converge or the verification fail. However, what if removed code from the recipes that we wrote?


The omission (or in this case removal of code) of resources could have happened. When we refactored the default recipe we may have remembered to remove the resources that manage the configuration but forgot to use the 'include_recipe' to ensure we loaded the new recipe. Or it is possible that we created a service recipe that we never populated but made all the appropriate changes to the default recipe.


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CONCEPT

Heckling Your Code

Mutation testing is used to design new software tests and evaluate the quality of existing software tests. Mutation testing involves modifying a program in small ways.




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Removing code sabotages the policy that you have defined. If you used Test Kitchen to converge and verify the cookbook and saw a failure you can sleep soundly at night knowing your tools have you covered. On the other hand, if Test Kitchen were to return success, after such a change, then it might cause you to break out in a cold sweat.

Removing code from a recipe or recipes is a small change. So is introducing a typo into the code, specifying a different resource name or changing the value of a resource attribute. The process of modifying the code in small ways and then executing the test suite against it is often times referred to as mutation testing.

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EXERCISE




Heckle That Code

It could be a game show. Maybe on Twitch?

Objective:

- ☐ Remove / Comment source code
- ☐ Converge the cookbook and execute the tests

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Before we leave this module, let's do a little mutation testing, to ensure the test that we have defined is good enough.

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Comment Out Key Code Within the Default Recipe


```
~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright (c) 2015 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
# include_recipe 'httpd::install'
include_recipe 'httpd::configuration'
include_recipe 'httpd::service'
```

Return to the default recipe and choose one line to remove or comment out. Here I have chosen to comment out the first line that includes the install recipe.

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EXERCISE




Heckle That Code

It could be a game show. Maybe on Twitch?

Objective:

- ✓ Remove / Comment source code
- ❑ Converge the cookbook and execute the tests

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Now with that small mutation in place it is time to converge the cookbook and execute the tests.

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Re-Converge the Test Instance



```
> kitchen converge
```

```
-----> Converging <default-centos-67>...  
Synchronizing Cookbooks:  
  - httpd (0.1.0)  
Compiling Cookbooks...  
Converging 2 resources  
Recipe: httpd::configuration  
  (up to date)  
Recipe: httpd::service  
  (up to date)  
    * service[httpd] action enable (up to date)
```

When converging the updated recipe it no longer shows the install recipe being loaded. This has changed the number of resources that are converged on the test instance. Removing the recipe from the default recipe does not remove any of the components that it previously installed.

Re-Verify the Test Instance



```
> kitchen verify
```

```
httpd::default
  Command "curl http://localhost"
  stdout
    should match /Welcome Home/
  Finished in 0.15802 seconds (files took 0.63276 seconds ...)
  1 example, 0 failures
```

Verification of the test instance will return a success. Despite removing the install recipe from the default recipe the test instance is still able to serving the default web page that our test is looking for when it requests data from the site.



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CONCEPT

Kitchen Converge & Verify

Running converge or verify will create a new instance the first time it is run. The same instance is used for each additional converge or verify.

The test instance policy changed, but no resource explicitly removed or uninstalled the resources defined in the install recipe.



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This is important feature and limitation of using Test Kitchen's 'converge' and 'verify'. Both of these commands will create a test instance the first time they are executed. Every time after these commands will use the same test instance again and again.

When we remove resources from a recipe we do not explicitly uninstall them from the test instance. We simply do not enforce their policy anymore. On an existing system, which this test instance is after the first run, this means it is actually in the desired state that we no longer define. That means that the webserver is still installed, the default web page has still been updated, and the service is still running.

To ensure our cookbook works on a new system it is important to delete the test instance and start over.

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CONCEPT



Kitchen Destroy

```
$ kitchen destroy [INSTANCE|REGEXP|all]
```


Destroys one or more instances.



```
graph LR; A[Create CentOS Instance] --> B[Install Chef]; B --> C[Apply the Run List]; C --> D[Execute Tests]; A --> E[Destroyed]; C --> E; D --> E;
```

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Test Kitchen provides the 'destroy' subcommand. Destroy is available at all stages and essentially cleans up the instance. This is useful when you make changes to the configuration policy you define and you want to ensure that it will work on a brand new instance.

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CONCEPT




Kitchen Test

```
$ kitchen test [INSTANCE|REGEXP|all]
```

Destroys (for clean-up), creates, converges, verifies and then destroys one or more instances.




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Test Kitchen also provides the subcommand 'test'. Test provides one command that wraps up all the stages in one command. It will destroy any test instance that exists at the start, create a new one, converge the run list on that instance, and then verify it. If everything passes the 'test' subcommand will finish by destroying that instance. If it fails at one of these steps it usually leaves the instance running to allow you to troubleshoot it.

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CONCEPT



Kitchen Test

Destroying the instance ensures that the policy is being applied to a new instance.

The test instance is re-created and then the updated policy is applied to the new instance. The new policy is incomplete causing an error.

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Running 'kitchen test' is useful if want to ensure the policy you defined works on a new instance.

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Test the Cookbook Against a New Instance




```
> kitchen test
```

```
-----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
-----> Cleaning up any prior instances of <default-centos-67>
-----> Destroying <default-centos-67>...
...
-----> Testing <default-centos-67>
-----> Creating <default-centos-67>...
-----> Running serverspec test suite
...
Finished in 0.19434 seconds (files took 0.57409 seconds t...
1 example, 1 failure
```

Running 'kitchen test' in this instance will expose the issue that we created by removing that installation of the webserver. This is because the new instance no longer installed the necessary packages so the file path was never created for the default HTML file and there are no services to run.

The test that you wrote correctly verifies the state of the system. What is important to notice is that there are important differences in the Test Kitchen commands.

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<h2>Converge & Verify</h2>	<h2>Test</h2>
Faster execution time	Slower execution time
Running converge twice will ensure your policy applies without error to existing instances	Running test will ensure your policy applies without error to any new instances
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Using Test Kitchen to run 'kitchen converge' and 'kitchen verify' is much faster because you are essentially applying and verifying the policy that you have defined against an already running instance. The drawback is that only running 'converge' and 'verify' will not demonstrate for you how your policy will act on a brand new instance.

Using Test Kitchen to run 'kitchen test' is slower because every time you are recreating the test instance, installing chef, and applying the policy on that new instance. The drawback here is the longer feedback cycle and only running 'test' will not demonstrate for you how your policy will act on an existing instance.

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EXERCISE




Heckle That Code

It could be a game show. Maybe on Twitch?

Objective:

- ✓ Remove / Comment source code
- ✓ Converge the cookbook and execute the tests

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Removing code and causing a failure showed us some of the differences between 'kitchen converge and verify' and 'kitchen test'. To ensure that we understand these important differences let's have a discussion.

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DISCUSSION



Discussion

What is happening when running `kitchen test`?


What types of bugs would `kitchen converge` & `kitchen verify` find when running?

What is the difference between `kitchen test` and running both `kitchen converge` & `kitchen verify` together?

How long do each of these approaches take?

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DISCUSSION




Q&A

What questions can we answer for you?


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Before we complete this section, let us pause for questions.

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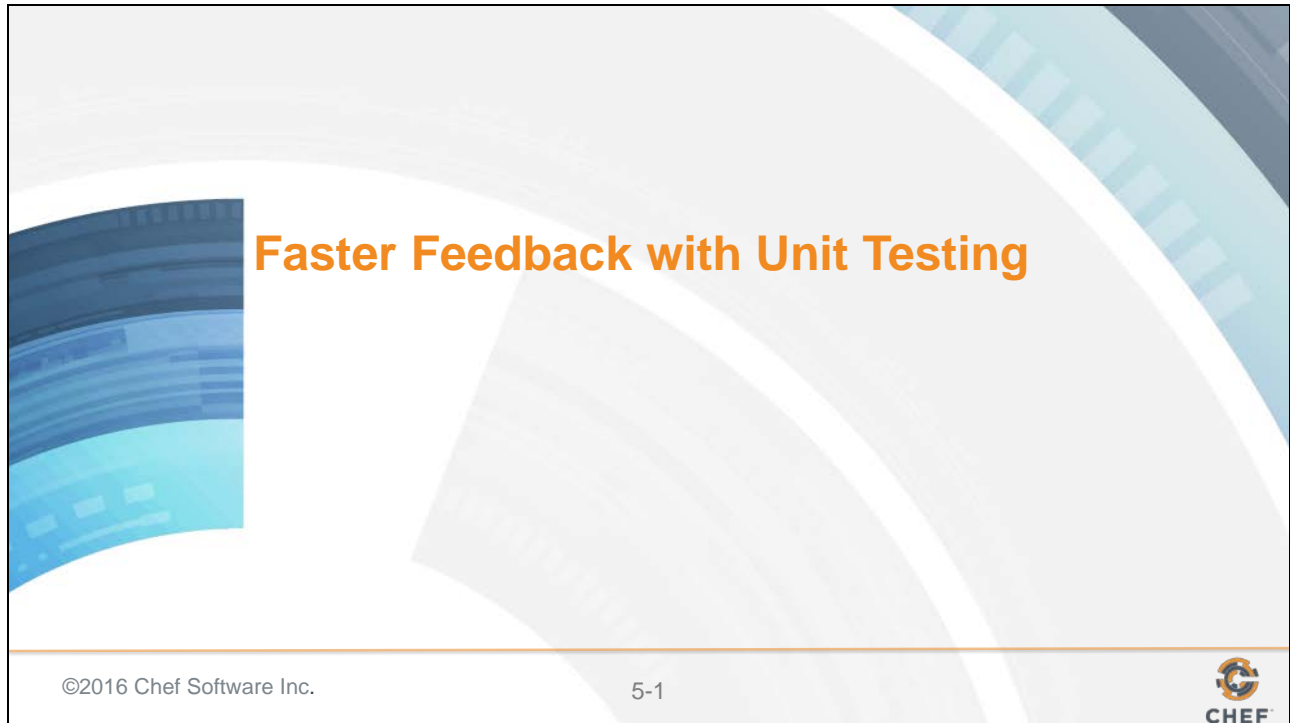
Morning	Afternoon
Introduction	Faster Feedback with Unit Testing
Why Write Tests? Why is that Hard?	Testing Resources in Recipes
Writing a Test First	Refactoring to Attributes
Refactoring Cookbooks with Tests	Refactoring to Multiple Platforms
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You have performed the complete TDD cycle from start to finish. Now that you have seen this cycle and understand that we are simply going to continue to repeat it as we develop cookbooks it is important to talk about the amount of time it takes for us to get feedback. In the next section we are going to explore that further by introducing a new testing tool and language that promises to give us faster feedback.

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5: Faster Feedback with Unit Testing



If you are planning on adopting Test Driven Development and use it to validate most if not all all of the changes that you make to a cookbook you now have to are welcoming into your workflow the interruption of running the tests. Testing provides value as it validates the work that you accomplish but it is still an interruption.


Slide 2

PROBLEM



Slower Feedback Cycle

The slower the feedback loop the less value it provides to you while developing your cookbooks. You are less inclined to run the test suite. Which means you will likely miss issues as they happen.

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Interruptions are not conducive to helping you building a flow. To help reduce the interruptive nature of testing we can look at ways to decrease the amount of time you have to wait to receive the feedback from the tests. A faster feedback cycle will increase your likelihood of seeking that feedback again for smaller sets of changes. Slower feedback cycles will increase your likelihood of seeking feedback less often. Causing you create larger sets of changes which has the chance of masking potential issues.

Slide 3

Objectives

After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Explain the importance and limitations of unit testing
- Write and execute a unit test

In this module you will learn the importance and limitations of unit testing as you write and execute unit tests to help increase the rate at which you receive feedback.

Slide 4

CONCEPT

External Dependencies

The speed of the test suite is affected by the external dependency on the creation of the test instance, installing chef, and applying the run list.

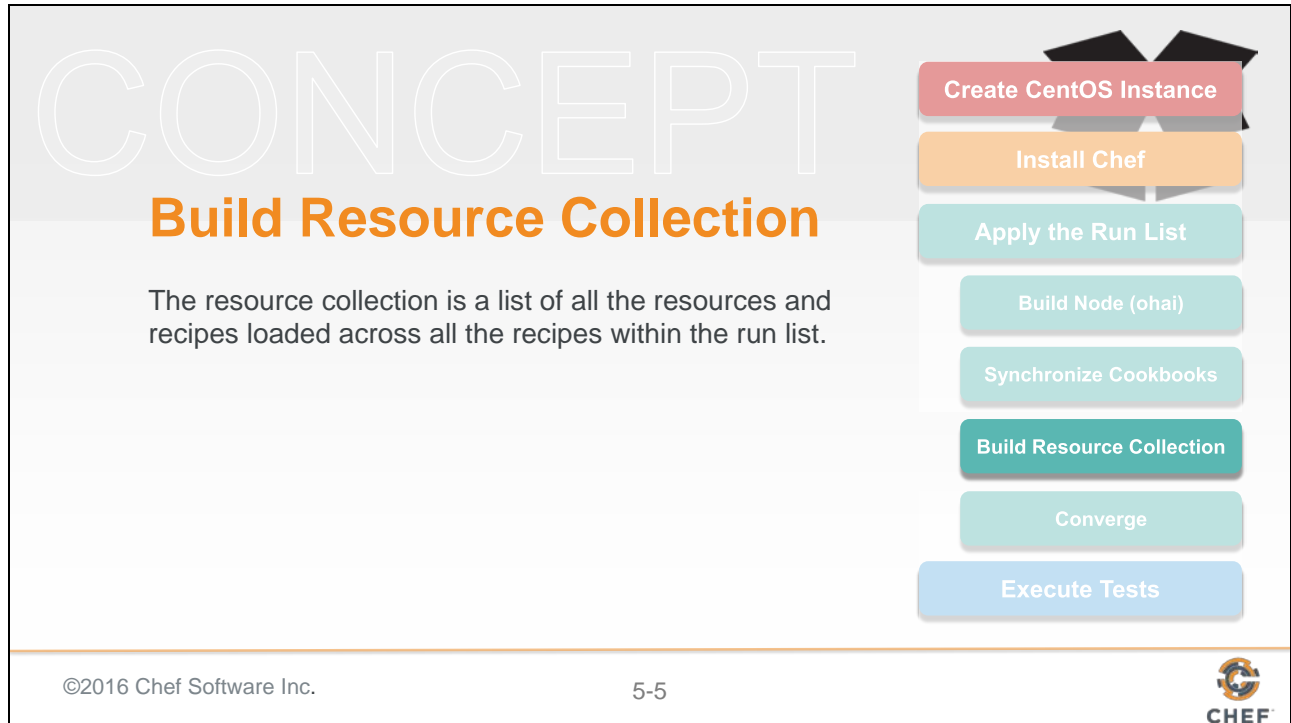
- Create CentOS Instance
- Install Chef
- Apply the Run List
- Build Node (ohai)
- Synchronize Cookbooks
- Build Resource Collection
- Converge
- Execute Tests

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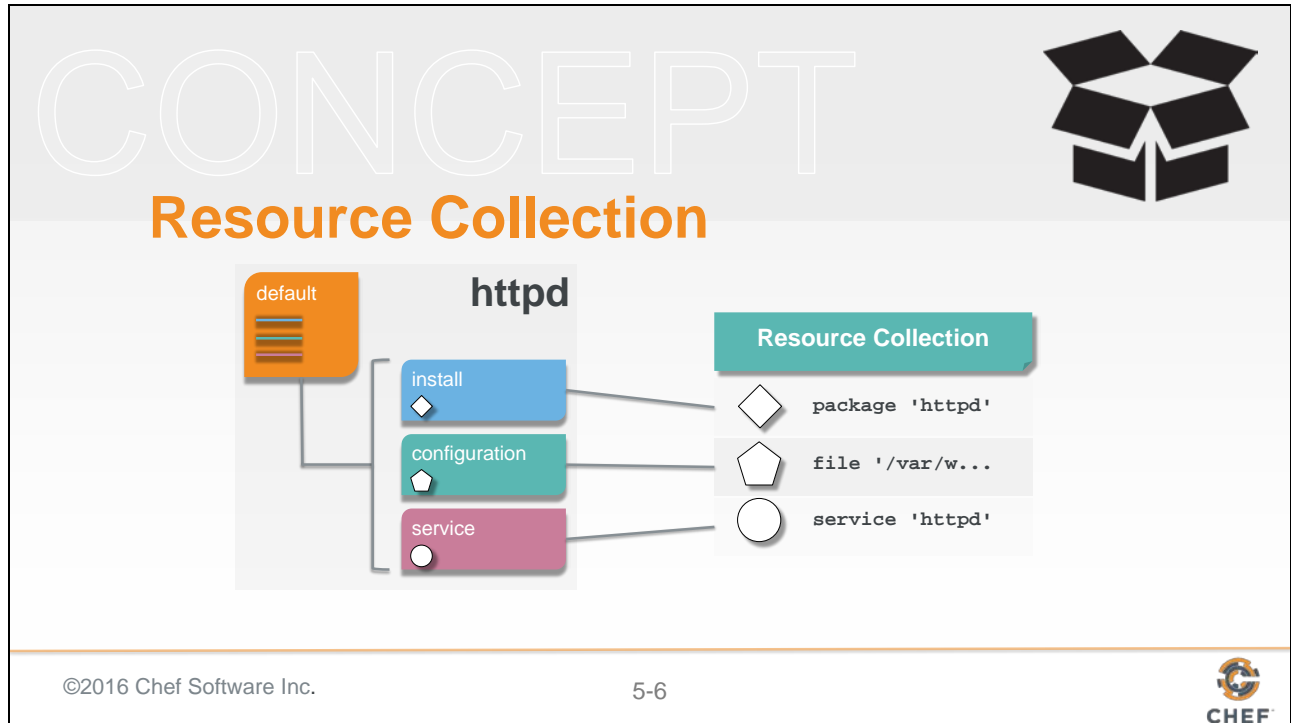
The reason that the feedback cycle takes as long as it does with Test Kitchen is because of the external requirements. Creating the test instance, installing chef, and then applying the run list provide real value because we are able to see the recipe being applied to a virtual instance. However, all these external dependencies incur a time cost as we wait for the network to download images or packages, the test instance's processor to calculate keys or data, or the file-system to create files and folders.

Slide 5



When we mutated our code and executed the test suite we created issues with the resources that we defined and recipes that we included. These changes affected the resources that were applied to the system by omitting resources from the 'Resource Collection'. If we were able to remove the external dependencies and focus on the state of the Resource Collection we would be able to determine if there were problems with the recipes we wrote without the need of any of those external dependencies.

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But first let's talk more about the 'Resource Collection' ...

After a cookbook and its recipes have been synchronized the majority of the cookbook content is loaded into memory by 'chef-client'. The recipes defined on the run list are evaluated during this time and the resources found within the recipes and any included recipes, are added to a resource collection. They are not immediately executed like one might assume.

The 'Resource Collection' is almost like a to-do list for the node. It contains the list of all the resources, in order, that need to be accomplished to bring the instance into the desired state. Later, in the converge step, the resources defined in the Resource Collection are executed and perform their various forms of test-and-repair to bring the instance into the desired state.

Slide 7

CONCEPT



RSpec and ChefSpec

RSpec is a Domain Specific Language (DSL) that allows you to express and execute expectations. These expectations are expressed in examples that are asserted in different example groups.

ChefSpec provides helpers and tools that allow you to express expectations about the state of **resource collection**.

ChefSpec


RSpec

Chef

Ruby

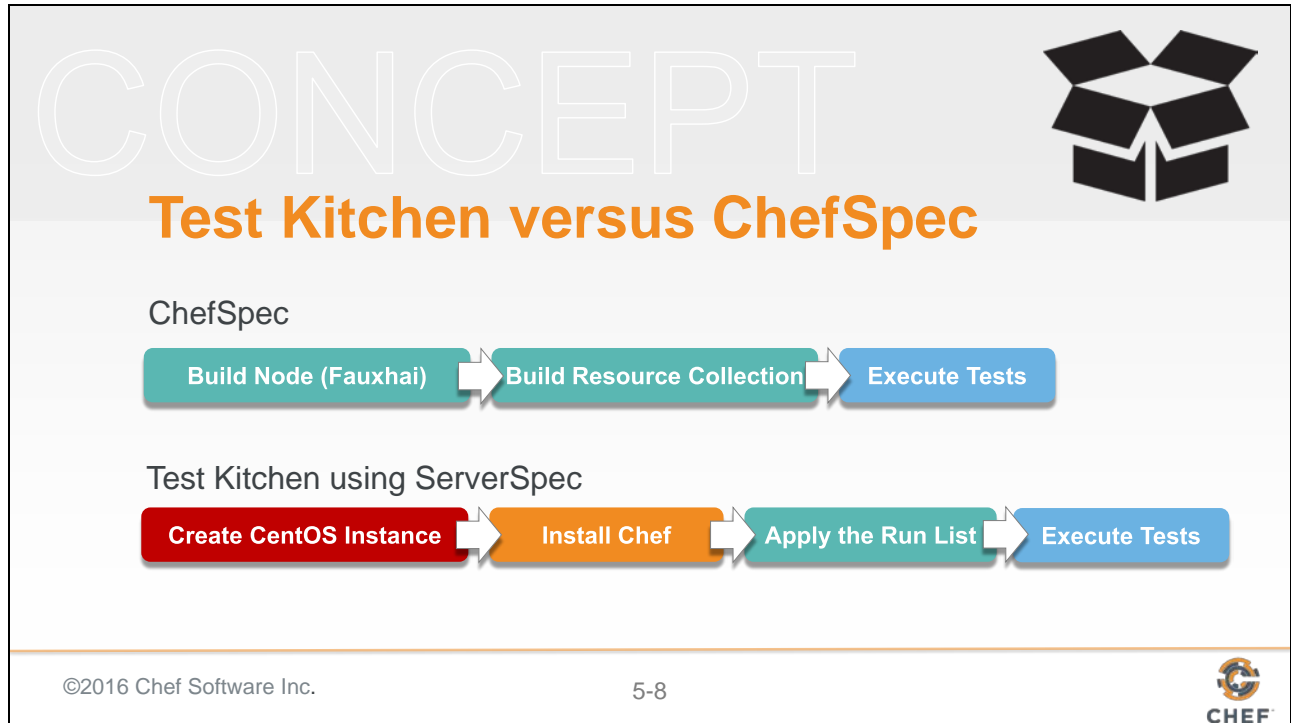
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ChefSpec provides a method for us to create an in-memory execution of applying the run list, building the resource collection, and then setting up expectations about the state of the resource collection. ChefSpec, similar to ServerSpec is built on top of RSpec; relying on it to provide the core framework and language. The benefit to us is that a lot of the same language constructs are employed.


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Verifying the resource collection with ChefSpec requires far fewer external dependencies and that allows us to get feedback faster but at the cost of not applying the recipes we write against a test instance. This opens us up to situations where we could compose recipes and execute examples that are shown to work because they were correctly added to the resource collection but fail when it comes time for the recipes to apply the desired state against a test instance.

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EXERCISE




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We have the integration test, the one defined in ServerSpec, executed through Test Kitchen to ensure the recipes we write behave as we expect on the test instances we define. The benefit of writing tests focused around the Resource Collection will allow us to gain feedback quickly and build a better development workflow.

This next group exercise we will review the existing ChefSpec specifications defined for us and how we can expand them to capture our additional expectations about the Resource Collection.

View the Spec Directory



```
> tree spec
```

```
spec
├── spec_helper.rb
└── unit
    └── recipes
        ├── configuration_spec.rb
        ├── default_spec.rb
        ├── install_spec.rb
        └── service_spec.rb

2 directories, 6 files
```

When generating recipe files we were also given a matching specification file in the 'spec/unit' directory. The ChefSpec defined specifications are all contained within this directory.

View the Test for the Default Recipe



~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb

```
require 'spec_helper'

describe 'httpd::default' do
  context 'When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform' do
    let(:chef_run) do
      runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new
      runner.converge(described_recipe)
    end

    it 'converges successfully' do
      expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
    end
  end
end
```

Open up the default specification file and let's read through and begin to understand the initial expectation that is automatically defined.

The expectations defined in this initially generated specification file should look a little familiar. This is because ChefSpec is built on Rspec. Similar to how ServerSpec is built. ChefSpec requires a little more setup as we are creating an in-memory execution.

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View the Test for the Default Recipe

```
~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb

require 'spec_helper'

describe 'httpd::default' do
  context 'When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform' do
    let(:chef_run) do
      runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new
      runner.converge(described_recipe)
    end

    it 'converges successfully' do
      expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
    end
  end
end
```

example groups

cookbook name::recipe name

It is often common for specification files to share similar functionality. As your suite of examples grows you will often move common, shared expectations and helpers to a common file that is required here at the top of the file. This will load the contents of the 'spec_helper' file found within the root of the 'spec' directory.

ChefSpec employs RSpec's example groups to describe the cookbook's recipe. This is stating that the examples we defined within this outer example group all relate to the httpd cookbook's default recipe. Within this example group we see another context that is defined. This time using the method 'context'. 'context' and 'describe' are exactly same in almost every way. A lot of developers like to use context as it more clearly states that the example group is focused on a particular scenario. In this instance the particular scenario we are going to be specifying examples in a scenario where all the attributes are default on an unspecified platform.

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View the Test for the Default Recipe

```
~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb

require 'spec_helper'

describe 'httpd::default' do
  context 'When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform' do
    let(:chef_run) do
      runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new
      runner.converge(described_recipe)
    end

    it 'converges successfully' do
      expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
    end
  end
end
```

The diagram illustrates the relationship between the code and its components. An orange bracket on the right side of the code block groups the `it 'converges successfully' do` block. A line from this bracket points to an orange box labeled "example". Another line from the `expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error` line points to a blue box labeled "expectation".

Within the inner context we finally set the stage for us to define our examples with their expectations. There is a single example defined and that is stating that when the chef run evaluates and creates the resource collection it should do so without raising an error. A situation that might raise an error is if we included a recipe that does not exist or if we were to use a resources type that does not exist.

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View the Test for the Default Recipe

```
~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb

require 'spec_helper'

describe 'httpd::default' do
  context 'When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform' do
    let(:chef_run) do
      runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new
      runner.converge(described_recipe)
    end

    it 'converges successfully' do
      expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
    end
  end
end
```

The diagram illustrates the components of the test code. A teal box labeled "described recipe" points to the `described_recipe` argument in the `runner.converge(described_recipe)` line. A red box labeled "Ruby Class" points to the `ChefSpec::ServerRunner` class in the `runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new` line. A pink box labeled "chef_run helper" points to the `chef_run` variable in the `expect { chef_run }` line.

The 'chef_run' helper there is being provided by the 'let' defined above the example within the same context. Defining the 'chef_run' in the 'let' above is done with a Ruby Symbol. This is simply naming it so that it can be used within any of the examples in the current context and even sub-contexts. The helper is simply executing some code that sets up an in-memory chef-client run with a Chef Server.

The 'ServerRunner' is a class defined within the 'ChefSpec' namespace. All Ruby classes have the method 'new' which will return an object which is a new instance of that described class. The object is stored in a local variable, named 'runner', which immediately invokes a method 'converge' with a single parameter 'described_recipe'

The parameter 'described_recipe' refers to the recipe defined in the outermost describe. This is mostly for convenience so that we do not have to redefine the same String multiple times within the same specification file.

The goal of this single, boilerplate example is very simple: perform a chef-client run and ensure there are no errors. Now, let's execute this specification.

Execute the Test for the Default Recipe



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb
```

```
.
```

```
Finished in 0.44592 seconds (files took 4.35 seconds to load)
```

```
1 example, 0 failures
```


passing example

To execute the specification file defined you will need to run the command 'rspec'. The 'rspec' command was installed with the Chef Development Kit (ChefDK) on the workstation. It is contained in an additional folder of tools embedded within the ChefDK that are not added to the system path. This is because some Chef developers are Ruby developers and may already have a version of RSpec installed. Specifying the 'chef exec' as a prefix loads the context of all these embedded tools and allows them to be executed on the command-line.

The 'rspec' command accepts many parameters. The most important one is used here and that is specifying the file path to the specification we want to execute. When the command executes a summary of the executed examples will be displayed at the bottom. At this moment it looks like the one expectation completes successfully. The chef run completes without any errors.

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EXERCISE




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We have the language and the tool that will allow us to express our expectations. We now need to examine the recipe again to see what example or examples we want to define within the specification file.

These are the Two Things to Test

```
~/httpd/recipes/default.rb  
  
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
# include_recipe 'httpd::install'  
include_recipe 'httpd::configuration'  
include_recipe 'httpd::service'
```

Within the default recipe we commented out the line that included the install recipe from the httpd cookbook. This seems like an expectation that we want to define. When converging the default recipe we expect that the install recipe from the httpd cookbook would be included.

We do not yet know how to define this expectation but we know the work that we want to accomplish. So let's take this one step at a time then and first capture the description for the example even if we do not yet know how to express the expectation.

Create a Pending Test

```
~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb

# ... START OF THE SPEC FILE ...
it 'converges successfully' do
  expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
end

it 'includes the install recipe'

end
end
```

Returning to the specification we can describe the example that we want to create without having to know how to define the expectation by defining an example without the block. RSpec treats these examples without the associated block as a pending test.

This is an incredibly useful feature when you want to start expressing your examples. This allows you to quickly identify all the examples without getting mired in the details of their implementation.

Execute the Tests to See the Pending Tests



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb
```

```
. *
. *
      pending example

Pending: (Failures listed here are expected and do not affect your
suite's status)

  1) httpd::default When all attributes are default, on an
unspecified platform includes the install recipe
     # Not yet implemented
     # ./spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb:20

# ... OUTPUT CONTINUES ON NEXT SLIDE ...
```

When executing 'rspec' again we should see the new pending example that we defined within the specification file.

Execute the Tests to See the Pending Tests



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb
```

```
.*
```

Pending: (Failures listed here are expected and do not affect your suite's status)

1) httpd::default When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform includes the install recipe

Not yet implemented

./spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb:20

... OUTPUT CONTINUES ON NEXT SLIDE ...

summary

spec file : line number

RSpec's pending summary is similar to the failure summary. The pending examples are identified and then finally they are collected together in list. Each pending example will show the words you used in the description text in a single sentence. Below that it will state the example is not yet implemented and then finally display the file path and line number of where it can be found.

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View the Results to See the Pending Tests



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb
```

```
# ... OUTPUT CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS SLIDE ...
```


```
Finished in 0.46457 seconds (files took 4.39 seconds to load)
```

```
2 examples, 0 failures, 1 pending
```

The summary will now display that an additional example has been added and it will be reported as being set to pending.

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EXERCISE




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Now that we have defined the pending example, setting up the work for ourselves, it is time to learn how to express the expectation.

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REFERENCE




ChefSpec Documentation

Find within the documentation examples of testing for `include_recipe`.

- Search the README
- Search through the 'examples' directory

<https://github.com/sethvargo/chefspec>

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To understand how to express an expectation we need to go to the documentation. The ChefSpec README provides a wealth of examples in the README. In the past an 'include_recipe' example has been one of the many examples shared in the README. Use the search feature of your browser to find it within the document.

If it is not there, the ChefSpec project has a top-level folder named 'examples' which contains examples for nearly every feature that ChefSpec is able to define expectations. Searching through there you will find a folder titled 'include_recipe', within it should a folder the shows the recipes and the matching specifications.

Write the Test that Verifies the Include Recipe

~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb

```
# ... START OF THE SPEC FILE ...  
  it 'converges successfully' do  
    expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error  
  end  
  
  it 'includes the install recipe' do  
    expect(chef_run).to include_recipe('httpd::install')  
  end  
  
end  
end
```

Returning to the specification file we now need to expand the example to include the expectation we want to write. To do that we add a 'do' to the end of the example. We move to the next line, indent two spaces and then define the following expectation. The expectation uses a natural language way of expressing the expectation. Here we are expressing the expectation that the 'chef_run' includes the recipe with the specified name.

Execute the Tests to See the Failure



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb
```

```
.F
```

failing example

```
Failures:
```


```
1) httpd::default When all attributes are default, on an
unspecified platform includes the install recipe
   Failure/Error: expect(chef_run).to
include_recipe('httpd::install')
     expected ["httpd::default"] to include "httpd::install"
   # ./spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb:21:in `block (3 levels)
in <top (required)>'
```

With the example defined with the expectation when we execute 'rspec' we see the failure that eluded us we ran 'kitchen converge & verify' on an existing very quickly.

The failure summary here is similar to the failure summary return by RSpec when employed by Test Kitchen. The example is displayed, the expectation is expressed, the failure to meet expectation and file name and line number within the file where to find the expectation.

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EXERCISE




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Now that we have a failing test it is time to fix the problem.

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Uncomment the Include Recipe

```
~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
include_recipe 'httpd::install'
include_recipe 'httpd::configuration'
include_recipe 'httpd::service'
```

Returning to the default recipe it is time to restore the code that we previously commented out.

Execute the Tests to See it Pass




```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb
```

```
..  
  
Finished in 0.67714 seconds (files took 4.26 seconds to load)  
2 examples, 0 failures
```

Executing 'rspec' one more time should show the previous failing example now as a passing example.

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EXERCISE




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Now we can confidently state that the default recipe includes the install recipe and we can receive this verification in a faster feedback cycle than we saw with running 'kitchen test'.

Mutation testing is not Test Driven Development (TDD) but the act that we performed was fairly close. This is a tactic that is useful when you are writing expectations for already defined recipes for existing cookbooks or when it feels near impossible to start with the tests first. This process does one of the important aspects of TDD which is ensure the expectations we set correctly capture the state of the code.


LAB



Continue with Mutation Testing

- ☐ Comment out the next line in the httpd cookbook's default recipe
- ☐ Write the example with expectation that will generate a failure
- ☐ Verify that one example generates a failure
- ☐ Restore the code in the recipe
- ☐ Verify that all examples pass

❖ Repeat this series of steps for each line within the default recipe

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There are few more chances to reinforce this process. As an exercise continue mutating the code within the default recipe, defining the expectations, and then fixing the code. Create a single mutation at a time and become focus on understanding the process of moving between files and executing commands.

Uncomment the Include Recipe

```
~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
include_recipe 'httpd::install'
# include_recipe 'httpd::configuration'
include_recipe 'httpd::service'
```

Let's review by walking through one more example within the default recipe. Another line within the recipe is similar to the first one except it is concerned with the inclusion of the configuration recipe. Here it is commented out.

Write the Test that Verifies the Include Recipe

```
~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb

# ... START OF THE SPEC FILE ...

it 'includes the install recipe' do
  expect(chef_run).to include_recipe('httpd::install')
end

it 'includes the configuration recipe' do
  expect(chef_run).to include_recipe('httpd::configuration')
end

end
end
```

Returning to the specification file to define the example and the new expectation.

Execute the Tests to See it Fail



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb
```

```
..F
```

Failures:

```
1) httpd::default When all attributes are default, on an
unspecified platform includes the service recipe
   Failure/Error: expect(chef_run).to
include_recipe('httpd::configuration')
     expected ["httpd::default", "httpd::install"] to include
"httpd::configuration"
# ./spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb:25:in `block (3 levels)
```

Seeing the failure when executing the 'rspec' command.

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Uncomment the Include Recipe

```
~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: default
#
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
include_recipe 'httpd::install'
include_recipe 'httpd::configuration'
include_recipe 'httpd::service'
```

Restoring the code to its previous state

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Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/default_spec.rb
```


```
...
```

```
Finished in 0.97252 seconds (files took 4.33 seconds to load)  
3 examples, 0 failures
```

Executing 'rspec' again to verify that the expectations have been met successfully

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LAB



Continue with Mutation Testing

- ✓ Comment out the next line in the httpd cookbook's default recipe
- ✓ Write the example with expectation that will generate a failure
- ✓ Verify that one example generates a failure
- ✓ Restore the code in the recipe
- ✓ Verify that all examples pass

❖ Repeat this series of steps for each line within the default recipe

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There are more mutations that you could try within the default recipe and other recipe files that exist within the cookbook but this is a good point to stop and enjoy the work that you have accomplished.

The feedback cycle on using Rspec to execute ChefSpec examples returns results faster than we saw with Test Kitchen and gives us a good understanding of what is being added to the 'Resource Collection'.

Let's have a discussion.

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DISCUSSION



Discussion

What functionality did you test in the integration tests?


What functionality did you test in these unit tests?

What do you see as the scope of unit testing versus integration testing?

What are the differences between a ChefSpec test and a ServerSpec test?

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DISCUSSION




Q&A

What questions can we answer for you?


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Before we complete this section, let us pause for questions.

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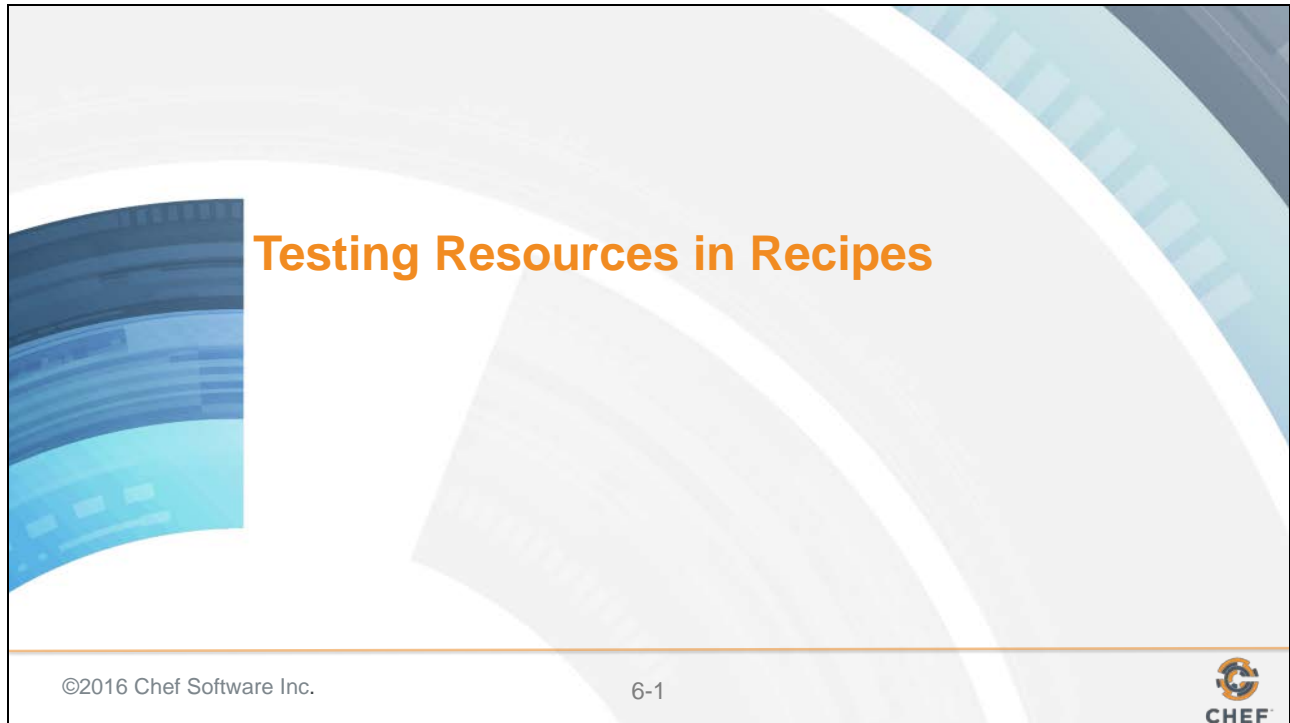
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Writing a Test First	Refactoring to Attributes
Refactoring Cookbooks with Tests	Refactoring to Multiple Platforms
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We have the faster feedback that we set out to create for us at the beginning of this section. We were able to verify the work being performed in the default recipe. Now it is time to focus our attention on the remaining recipes with in the cookbook and set up expectations on the resources that they define.

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6: Testing Resources in Recipes



The default recipe we refactored moved the resources into individual recipes that will promote their ability to be composed in other cookbooks. Now its time to take a look at the resources we defined and explore writing examples to verify their state as well.

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Objectives


After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Test resources within a recipe using ChefSpec

In this module you will learn how to test resources within a recipe using ChefSpec.

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EXERCISE




Testing Remaining Resources

No resources left behind!

Objective:

- ☐ Write and execute tests for the Install recipe
- ☐ Verify the test validates the recipe

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If we continued to use the mutation testing approach we would find similar problems with in the other recipes that we developed. Together let's work through defining examples for this recipe and then you will have a lab later to complete the remaining recipes.

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Generated Recipes Also Generate Specs



```
> tree spec
```

```
spec
├── spec_helper.rb
├── unit
│   └── recipes
│       ├── configuration_spec.rb
│       ├── default_spec.rb
│       ├── install_spec.rb
│       └── service_spec.rb
```

Back when we generated the recipe with the 'chef' command-line utility a matching specification file was also generated. Similar to the default recipe specification the install recipe specification contains a single example that ensures that the chef run completes without error.

Slide 5

Execute the Install Specification



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
```

```
.
```

```
Finished in 0.46874 seconds (files took 4.24 seconds to load)
```

```
1 example, 0 failures
```

Using 'rspec' we can verify that the one example completes successfully.

Slide 6

Add a Pending Test to Verify the Package

```
~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb

# ... START OF THE SPEC FILE ...

it 'converges successfully' do
  expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
end

it 'installs the necessary package'
end

end
```

The install recipe installs the necessary the necessary software for the webserver. We can start by writing a pending example.

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REFERENCE



ChefSpec Documentation

Find within the documentation examples of testing packages

<https://github.com/sethvargo/chefspec/tree/master/examples/package>

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Now it is time returned to the documentation. Again, the ChefSpec documentation contains a lot of examples in the README and the examples directory. Using either of those find an example of an expectation expressing that a packaged is installed.

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Write the Test to Verify the Package

```
~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb

# ... START OF THE SPEC FILE ...

it 'converges successfully' do
  expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
end

it 'installs the necessary package' do
  expect(chef_run).to install_package('httpd')
end

end

end
```

With a good example we found in the documentation we can return to the example and define the example. In our case we want to assert that the the chef run installs the package 'httpd'.

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Write the Test to Verify the Package

```
~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb

# ... START OF THE SPEC FILE ...

it 'converges successfully' do
  expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
end

it 'installs the necessary package' do
  expect(chef_run).to install_package('httpd')
end
end
```



Expressing an expectation for the state of resources in the 'Resource Collection' uses a particular matcher. Express the name of the action joined together with the type of the resource and has the parameter that is the name of the resource.

The expectation defined here is slightly different than the previous example. In the first example the expect uses braces. This is Ruby's shorthand notation to represent a block. The reason in this expectation we want to use a block is that if the chef run were to raise an error we need to catch it. Catching it requires that we wrap the code we want to execute within a block.

Using the parenthesis is passing the 'chef_run' helper as a parameter to the 'expect' method. In this instance we do not expect an error to take place and instead want to make assertions on the state of the chef run. If an error were to be raised the expectation would not catch it and instead of the expectation failing you would see an error message.

Execute the Test to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
```

```
..
```


```
Finished in 0.73662 seconds (files took 4.4 seconds to load)
```

```
2 examples, 0 failures
```

When we are done writing this expectation and execute the test suite we see that we now have 2 examples that both pass.

Slide 11

EXERCISE




Testing Remaining Resources

No resources left behind!

Objective:


- ✓ Write and execute tests for the Install recipe
- Verify the test validates the recipe

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We now have an expectation that expresses the state for the install recipe. But before we declare victory it is time to verify that the expectations truly are working.


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PROBLEM



It's Quiet. Too Quiet.

When a test passes immediately without having to write code (or if the code has already been written) it is time to be concerned. This is one of those moments we should ensure that the tests are working by mutating that code.

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If a test passes and you have never seen it fail. How do you know it works? Without ever seeing a failure there is situation where we could be seeing a 'false positive'. This is because we did not develop this expectation with the test first. In this instance we have not done anything wrong. We simply need to ensure that the expectation we define will fail if we were to modify the code that we are testing.

To do that it is time for us to return to the recipe and modify it, mutate it, to ensure that the test fails.

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Comment Out the Resource

```
~/httpd/recipes/install.rb  
  
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: install  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
# package 'httpd'
```

One simple mutation is to remove the resource by commenting it out or removing it. We could also choose to rename the name of the resource.

Execute the Test to See it Fail



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
```

```
.F
```

```
Failures:
```

```
1) httpd::install When all attributes are default, on an
unspecified platform installs the appropriate package
   Failure/Error: expect(chef_run).to install_package('httpd')
     expected "package[httpd]" with action :install to be in
Chef run. Other package resources:
```

Returning to run the tests we now see that there is an error in the execution. The change that we made to the recipe, the removal of the resource, generates this error. We can state with confidence that the expectation that we defined properly insures our expectations about the 'Resource Collection'.

Uncomment Out the Resource

```
~/httpd/recipes/install.rb  
  
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: install  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
package 'httpd'
```

Time to restore the mutation we introduced.

Execute the Test to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
```

```
..
```


```
Finished in 0.73662 seconds (files took 4.4 seconds to load)
```

```
2 examples, 0 failures
```

Verify that all the examples complete successfully.

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EXERCISE




Testing Remaining Resources

No resources left behind!

Objective:

- ✓ Write and execute tests for the Install recipe
- ✓ Verify the test validates the recipe

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We walked through ensuring this recipe has the necessary expectations defined.

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LAB



Test the Remaining Recipes

- ☐ Write a pending example
- ☐ Find the ChefSpec implementation
- ☐ Verify that the new example passes
- ☐ Mutate the recipe to generate a failure
- ☐ Restore the code in the recipe
- ☐ Verify that all examples pass

❖ Repeat this series of steps for the configuration recipe and service recipe

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Now it is your turn. Using the same strategy it is time to address the remaining recipes within the cookbook.

Write the Tests to Verify the Service

```
~/httpd/spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb

# ... START OF THE SPEC FILE ...

  it 'starts the necessary service' do
    expect(chef_run).to start_service('httpd')
  end

  it 'enables the necessary service' do
    expect(chef_run).to enable_service('httpd')
  end
end
end
```

Let's review the final resulting specification for only the service recipe. We defined two examples. One that states the expectation that the necessary service has been started. The other states the expectation that the necessary service has been enabled.

Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb
```

```
...
```


```
Finished in 0.93685 seconds (files took 4.28 seconds to load)
```

```
3 examples, 0 failures
```

Verifying the examples we see three passing examples.

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LAB



Test the Remaining Recipes

- ✓ Write a pending example
- ✓ Find the ChefSpec implementation
- ✓ Verify that the new example passes
- ✓ Mutate the recipe to generate a failure
- ✓ Restore the code in the recipe
- ✓ Verify that all examples pass


❖ Repeat this series of steps for the configuration recipe and service recipe

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Congratulations. Now you have completed writing unit tests for the remaining resources across all our recipes.

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CONCEPT




rspec

When you run `rspec` without any paths it will automatically find and execute all the "`_spec.rb`" files within the '`spec`' directory.

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Running 'rspec' as we have during this and the last section has shown that we can provide a file and it will evaluate the examples within that file. Now that we have examples spread across multiple recipes it would be nice to be able to run them all at once. And actually that is how RSpec is designed to work by default. When you run 'rspec' with no paths it will automatically find all specification files defined in the 'spec' directory.

It is important to note that all specification files must end with an '`_spec.rb`' for them to be found by RSpec.

Execute All the Tests in the Spec Directory



```
> chef exec rspec
```

```
.....
```

```
Finished in 2.08 seconds (files took 4.29 seconds to load)
```

```
8 examples, 0 failures
```


Let's verify every example across all the recipe specification files. In this output we see 'rspec' found 8 examples found all of them passing all within 4.29 seconds.

The execution time of RSpec varies based on the specifications, the version of ChefSpec, the power of the workstation, and the platform.

Let's have a discussion.

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DISCUSSION




Discussion

What value does it bring to validate that the resources take the appropriate action?


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DISCUSSION




Q&A

What questions can we answer for you?


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Before we complete this section, let us pause for questions.

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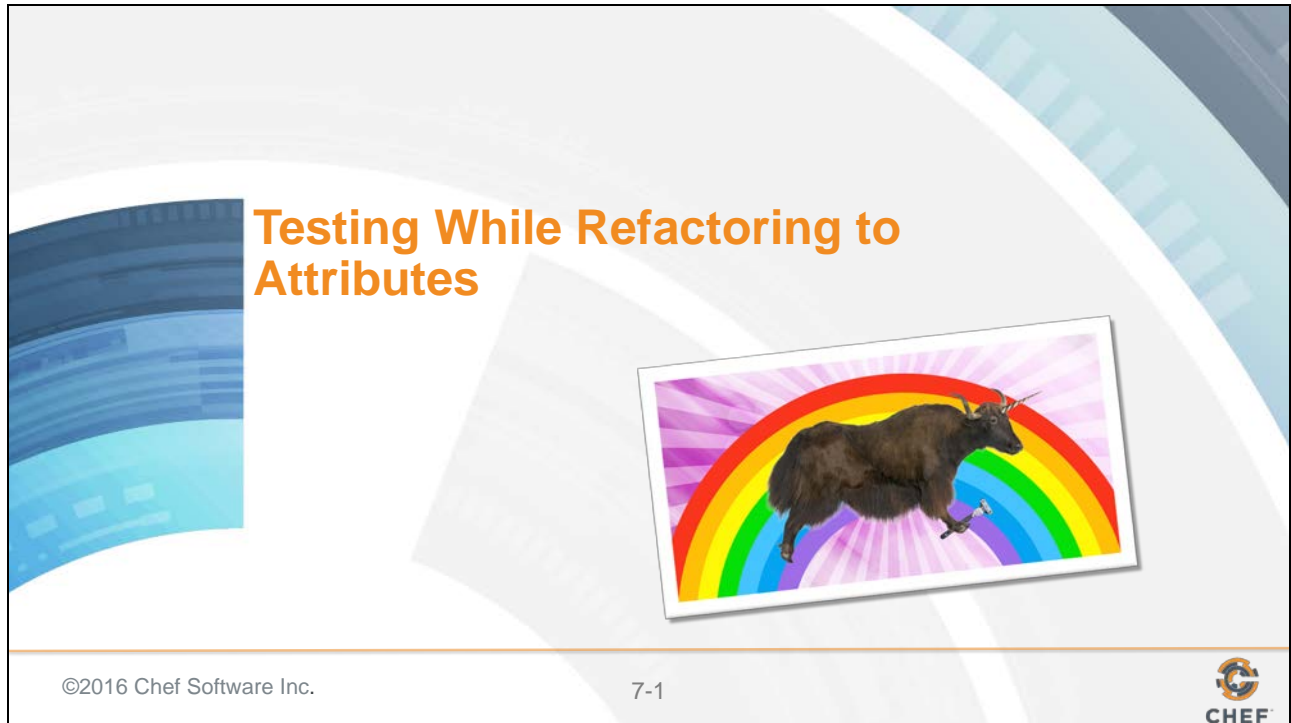
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All of the resources within our recipes have expectations. Now it is time to see the value of the examples that we have defined by returning to the recipes we wrote and introduce a new requirement: using node attributes.

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7: Testing While Refactoring to Attributes



We now have the fastest feedback open source software can buy us! And right on time because it is time to refactor the cookbook again.

Slide 2

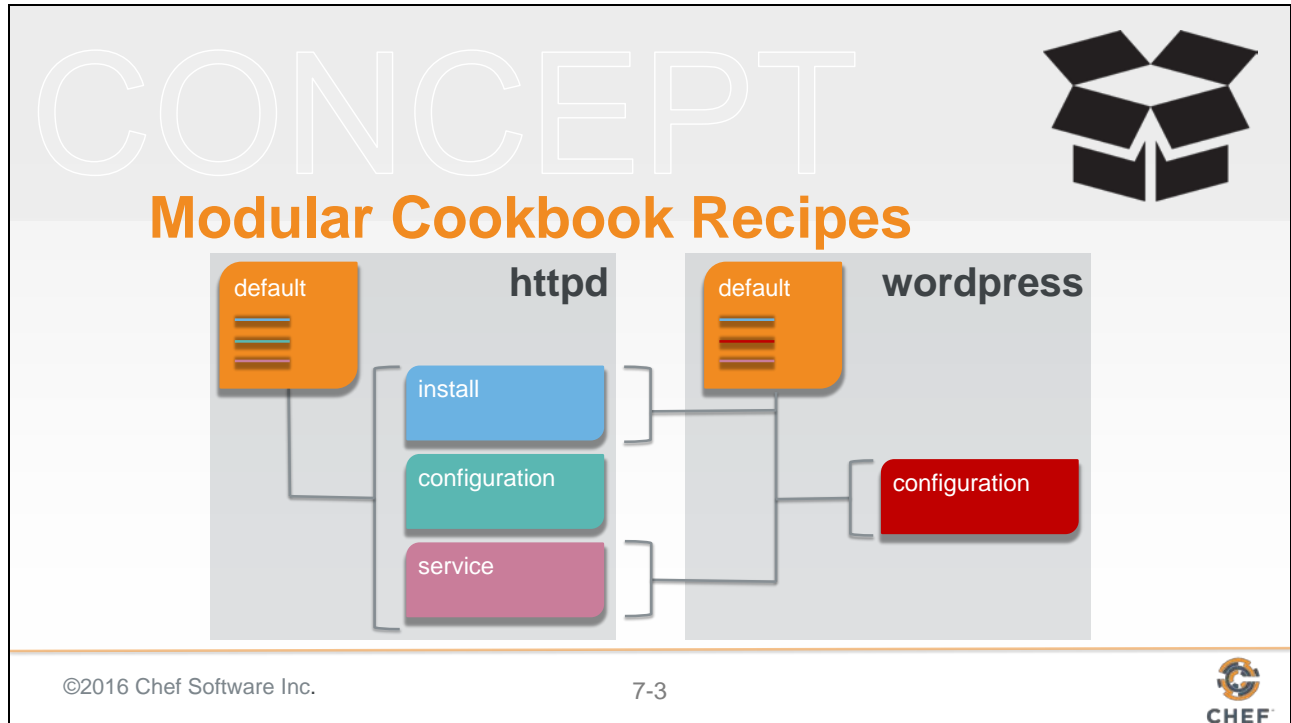
Objectives

After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Refactor resources to use attributes
- Use Pry to explore the current state of execution
- Make changes to your recipes with confidence

In this module you will learn how to refactor a cookbook to use node attributes, employ pry to set up break points in your code, and make changes with confidence.

Slide 3




When we initially set out to create a cookbook that was more modular we broke the concerns of the webserver into three different recipes. This would allow an opportunity for cookbook authors within our organization re-use components of the cookbook by including only the recipes that they want.


Sometimes you do not want to re-define an entire new recipe and simply want to provide a different name or version for the package; a single file path for the configuration file.

Slide 4

CONCEPT

Modular Cookbook Recipes






```
~/httpd/recipes/configuration.rb

file '/var/www/html/index.html' do
  content '<h1>Welcome Home</h1>'
end
```

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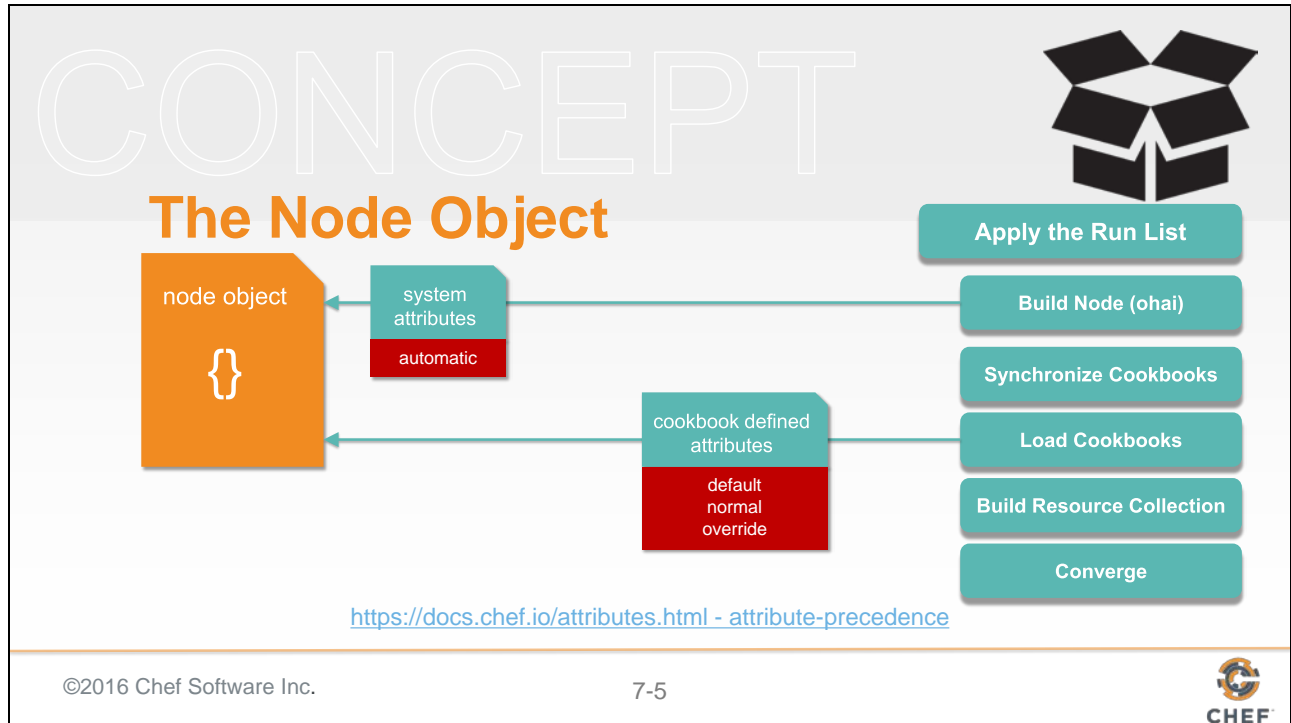
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Within each recipe we defined the resources necessary to bring the webserver into the desired state. When we expressed these resources we did so with values that worked for this platform and version of the Operating System (OS).

The configuration recipe defined a file resource with a path to the location for the default HTML page. This path is hard-coded for this particular platform. If we had a situation where another cookbook or environment or role wanted to use this recipe but provide a custom value we could not do that unless we talk about making the file path a node attribute.

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Cookbooks can define node attributes which are added to the node object after the initial discovery is done by Ohai. Ohai attributes are considered automatic and cannot be overwritten. However, the attributes defined in a cookbook can come in variety of levels. This allows for cookbooks to define a base value which another cookbook can replace when needed.

That is the kind of flexibility that we want to implement in our cookbook.

Slide 6

EXERCISE




Refactor to Use Attributes

Time to remove all the hard-coded values and make them attributes.

Objective:

- ☐ Refactor the Install recipe to use a Node attribute
- ☐ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ☐ Create the attributes file and add the Node attribute
- ☐ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

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Together we will walk through refactoring the install recipe continuing to use our tests to prove that we have not caused a regression in recipes.

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Replace the Value with a Node Attribute


```
~/httpd/recipes/install.rb

#
# Cookbook Name:: httpd
# Recipe:: install
#
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
package node['httpd']['package_name']
```

Because we have expectations in place we can start with a change to the install recipe. Here we are replacing the package name with a node attribute that we have yet to define in the attributes file.

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EXERCISE




Refactor to Use Attributes

A change means a chance for us to run the tests!

Objective:

- ✓ Refactor the Install recipe to use a Node attribute
- ❑ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ❑ Create the attributes file and add the Node attribute
- ❑ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

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We made a change. Before we define the node attribute we should run the tests.

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Execute the Tests to See it Fail



```
> chef exec rspec
```

```
FFFFFFF...
```

```
Failures:
```

```
1) httpd::default When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform converges successfully
```


```
Failure/Error: expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
```

```
expected no Exception, got #<NoMethodError: undefined method `[]' for nil:NilClass> with backtrace:
```

```
# /tmp/d20161026-15641-1adgkog/cookbooks/httpd/recipes/install.rb:6:in `from_file'
```

When executing 'rspec' against all the examples that we have defined we see a large number of failures. The failure summary will show us that the chef run failed with an error. This error is informing us that we attempted to retrieve an attribute from the node object that does not exist. All of the failures should be the same.

EXERCISE




Refactor to Use Attributes

We definitely broke it! Now, let's fix it.

Objective:

- ✓ Refactor the Install recipe to use a Node attribute
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ☐ Create the attributes file and add the Node attribute
- ☐ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

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Now it is time to create the attributes file and define the necessary attribute.

Ask Chef How to Generate an Attributes File



```
> chef generate attribute --help
```

```
Usage: chef generate attribute [path/to/cookbook] NAME [options]
```

```
-C, --copyright COPYRIGHT      Name of the copyright holder...
-m, --email EMAIL              Email address of the author...
-a, --generator-arg KEY=VALUE  Use to set arbitrary arguments...
-I, --license LICENSE           all_rights, apache2, mit, ...
-g GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH,   Use GENERATOR_COOKBOOK_PATH...
    --generator-cookbook
```

The 'chef' tool is able to generate attributes. All it requires is the name of the file when you are inside the cookbook. We are currently inside the cookbook directory so now we need to give it a name.

Use Chef to Generate a Default Attributes File



```
> chef generate attribute default
```

```
Compiling Cookbooks...
```

```
Recipe: code_generator::attribute
```

```
  * directory[/home/chef/httpd/attributes] action create
```

```
    - create new directory /home/chef/httpd/attributes
```

```
  * template[/home/chef/httpd/attributes/default.rb] action create
```

```
    - create new file /home/chef/httpd/attributes/default.rb
```

```
    - update content in file
```

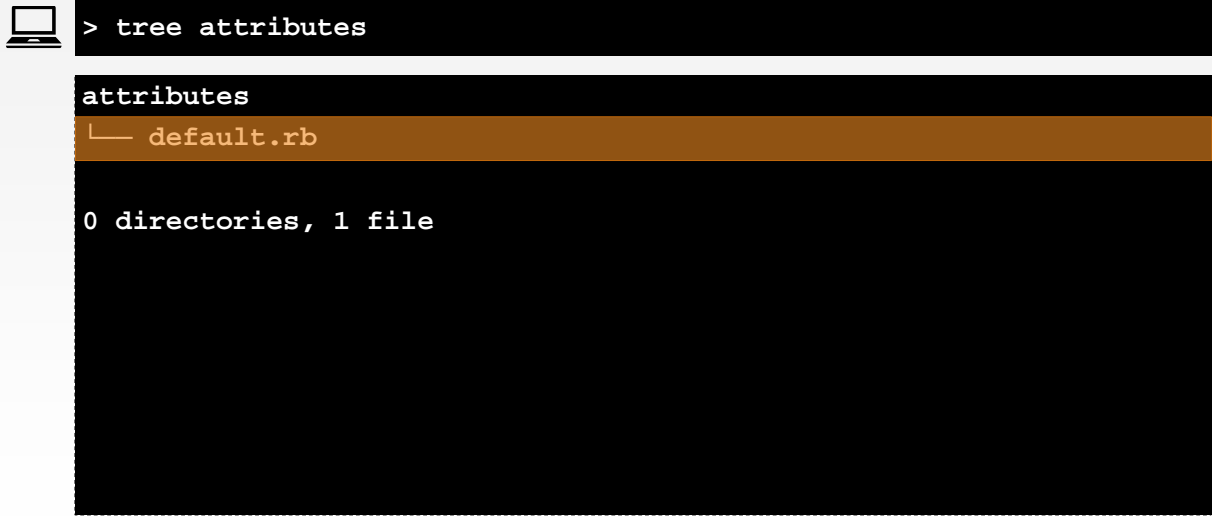
```
/home/chef/httpd/attributes/default.rb from none to e3b0c4
```

```
(diff output suppressed by config)
```

The standard name for the attributes file is 'default'. This command will generate an attributes file named 'default.rb' in the attributes directory.

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View the Attributes File Generated



```
> tree attributes
attributes
├── default.rb

0 directories, 1 file
```

The screenshot shows a terminal window with a dark background. The command `> tree attributes` is entered at the prompt. The output shows a directory named `attributes` containing a file named `default.rb`. Below the file listing, it states `0 directories, 1 file`. The `default.rb` file name is highlighted in orange.

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We can verify that by looking in the attributes directory to see the file has been generated.

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Add the Default Node Attribute

```
~/httpd/attributes/default.rb  
  
default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
```

Now it is time to edit the attributes file and define the node attribute. Here we are defining the node attribute at the default level. Setting it to default will allow other cookbooks to override it if necessary.

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EXERCISE




Refactor to Use Attributes

The work is done. Let's hope it's the right work. Run the tests!

Objective:

- ✓ Refactor the Install recipe to use a Node attribute
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ✓ Create the attributes file and add the Node attribute
- ☐ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

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This change should fix all the examples that we broke when we used the node attribute without having defined it.

Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec
```

```
.....
```


```
Finished in 2.28 seconds (files took 4.28 seconds to load)
```

```
9 examples, 0 failures
```

The results here show all the examples pass.

Slide 17

EXERCISE




Refactor to Use Attributes

We made a change and we know it works!

Objective:

- ✓ Refactor the Install recipe to use a Node attribute
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ✓ Create the attributes file and add the Node attribute
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

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With all the expectations having been met we can confidently say that the cookbook has been refactored successfully.

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PROBLEM

What if We Made a Typo?

While implementing the node attribute what if made a mistake?



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In the process of implementing the use of the node attribute in the recipe or in the attributes file we could have made a mistake. We proved that the examples would have caught the error.

What if an error occurred and we were unable to find it? Occasionally you will implement a change wrong and then find yourself staring at the failing expectations wondering what is wrong.

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Typos Like This One Will Waste Time




```
~/httpd/attributes/default.rb
```

```
default['htpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
```

This is a simple typo that the examples would catch but when it comes time to find and fix the issue, our eyes may not immediately catch it. We may think the error lies somewhere in the recipe. If we cannot find it we keep running the tests and wondering what is going wrong.


Slide 20

CONCEPT



Mental Model vs Actual Model

Faster feedback helps us build a greater mental model of the actual execution model. Tests that we define help strengthen it. However, tests are not very interactive as they are more like experiments. What we want is the ability to pause execution and look around.


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This is a situation where our mental model of the state of things is different than the actual model of execution. The benefit of tests is that it allows us to express the expectations about the model of how the execution should run. Testing is like a experiment: setup; execute; verify.

That feedback is not very interactive. There are moments where you want to be to stop the execution at a particular point and ask some questions.

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CONCEPT



Pry a Debugger

Pry is a Ruby debugger that allows you to define break points. These breakpoints allow you to pause operation and interact with the current process being able to interrogate the current state of the system.

<http://pryrepl.org>


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This situation is one in which we want to use a tool called a debugger. Debuggers allow us to set up points where the execution flow will pause and allow us, the user, to interact with the system within the current context of where the execution paused.

Ruby has a well supported debugger project named 'Pry'. 'Pry' is a Ruby gem that is already installed in the Chef Development Kit (Chef DK).

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EXERCISE




Setup a Break Point

Time to make trouble for ourselves.

Objective:

- ☐ Mutate the code and add the breakpoint
- ☐ Execute the tests to cause the breakpoint to trigger
- ☐ Remove the breakpoint and restore the code

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To explore using Pry we need to create an issue for ourselves to troubleshoot. Doing so will allow us to see some of the power of Pry.

Create a Typo in the Defined Attribute

```
~/httpd/attributes/default.rb
```

```
default['htpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
```

This is a simple typo that the examples would catch but when it comes time to find and fix the issue, our eyes may not immediately catch it. We may think the error lies somewhere in the recipe. If we cannot find it we keep running the tests and wondering what is going wrong.

Add a Break Point in the Recipe


```
~/httpd/recipes/install.rb  
  
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: install  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
require 'pry'  
binding.pry  
  
package node['httpd']['package_name']
```

To use Pry you first have to specify a require statement. The require here will look for a file name 'pry' give up on finding it locally and then look for the file inside all of the installed gems.

After the Pry code is loaded we access a method named 'binding' and then ask it to run 'pry'. 'binding' is a special method in Ruby that is like gaining access to the DNA of the current context. Pry, after it is loaded, will add the 'pry' method to the binding object to allow us the ability to setup a break point.

Wherever we want to set a breakpoint we can place these two lines.

EXERCISE




Setup a Break Point

Time to pry into the code and see what it is going on.

Objective:

- ✓ Mutate the code and add the breakpoint
- ❑ Execute the tests to cause the breakpoint to trigger
- ❑ Remove the breakpoint and restore the code

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The breakpoint cannot break itself. We need to execute the code to cause the execution to pause. The best way to do that is execute the tests that we have defined.

Execute the Test to Initiate Pry



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
```

```
From: /tmp/d20161026-17430-19i8bee/cookbooks/httpd/recipes/install.rb @ line 7  
Chef::Mixin::FromFile#from_file:
```

```
2: # Cookbook Name:: httpd
```

```
3: # Recipe:: install
```

```
4: #
```

```
5: # Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
```

```
6: require 'pry'
```

```
=> 7: binding.pry
```

```
8:
```

```
9: package node['httpd']['package_name']
```

```
# ... CONTINUES ON THE NEXT SLIDE ...
```

We can execute the tests for the install specification so that it will process that recipe. After a moment of normal execution the flow will pause and you will be shown where in the code the execution has paused. Along the top is the name of the file with the line number where it is paused. Below is a source code listing line-by-line before and after the breakpoint.

Pry Provides an Interactive Prompt



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
```

```
# ... CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS SLIDE ...  
5: # Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
6: require 'pry'  
=> 7: binding.pry  
8:  
9: package node['httpd']['package_name']
```

```
[1] pry(#<Chef::Recipe>)>
```

Below the summary of the code around the breakpoint is a prompt. Pry launches a Read-Eval-Print-Loop (REPL). At this prompt we can type in a number of commands and any Ruby code.

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Ask Pry for Help



```
[1] pry(#<Chef::Recipe>)> help
```

Help

help	Show a list of commands or information about a specific command.
------	--

Context

cd	Move into a new context (object or scope).
find-method	Recursively search for a method within a class/module or the curr...
ls	Show the list of vars and methods in the current scope.
pry-backtrace	Show the backtrace for the pry session.
raise-up	Raise an exception out of the current pry instance.
reset	Reset the repl to a clean state.

To escape the help menu, type in :q

The most important provided by Pry is probably the 'help' command. Within the results of this you will see all the commands available. The help will display in a scrolling page like a Linux man page. To escape out of the help output and return to being able to type in commands you will need to enter the keystrokes ':q'

Execute Any Code As You Would in a Recipe



```
[2] pry(#<Chef::Recipe>)> node['httpd']
```

```
=> nil
```

Back at the prompt you can enter in any code that you would normally write within the recipe. In this case we can start to examine the node object to see that the node object does not have the top-level attribute set as we expected.

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Explore the Different Node Attributes



```
[3] pry(<Chef::Recipe>)> node['httpd']
```

```
=> {"package_name"=>"httpd"}
```

This interactive session allows us to verify the actual state quickly. When it does not match our mental model we can try multiple hypotheses quickly. Here we may return back to the attribute file and copy the text within the attribute and attempt this again and see what is actually going on.

We see in this example that

Halt the Execution of the Test Immediately



```
[4] pry(#<Chef::Recipe>)> exit!
```


When you are satisfied with what you have discovered it is time to exit. Pry provides two versions of exit:

'exit' which will resume the execution and stop at any other breakpoints along the way.
'exit!' which halts the execution immediately and returns you to your shell.

In this situation we want to halt the execution immediately as we have discovered the issue.

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EXERCISE




Setup a Break Point

Time to pry into the code and see what it is going on.

Objective:

- ✓ Mutate the code and add the breakpoint
- ✓ Execute the tests to cause the breakpoint to trigger
- ❑ Remove the breakpoint and restore the code

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Now that we have discovered the issue in this scenario it is time to remove the breakpoint and restore the attributes code back to its correct state.

Remove the Break Point from the Recipe

~/httpd/recipes/install.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: install  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
require 'pry'  
binding.pry  
  
package node['httpd']['package_name']
```

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Fix the Change in the Attributes

 ~/httpd/attributes/default.rb


```
default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
```

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This is a simple typo that the examples would catch but when it comes time to find and fix the issue, our eyes may not immediately catch it. We may think the error lies somewhere in the recipe. If we cannot find it we keep running the tests and wondering what is going wrong.

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EXERCISE




Setup a Break Point

Time to pry into the code and see what it is going on.

Objective:


- ✓ Mutate the code and add the breakpoint
- ✓ Execute the tests to cause the breakpoint to trigger
- ✓ Remove the breakpoint and restore the code

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This small exercise focused on a small subset of what is possible with Pry. It is a powerful tool that will aid you in understand the execution of the system much faster than tests alone.

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LAB



Refactor Remaining Resources


- ☐ Refactor the resource to use a Node attribute
- ☐ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ☐ Add the new Node attribute
- ☐ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

BONUS: Use pry to verify that the attribute has been set.

❖ Repeat this series of steps for the configuration recipe and service recipe

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Now it is your turn. Two recipes remain that I want you to refactor to use attributes. Follow the same workflow you used here. As a bonus try using Pry again to reinforce setting it up and navigating through the execution flow with it.

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Update the Recipe to use the Node Attribute

 ~/httpd/recipes/service.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: service  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
service node['httpd']['service_name'] do  
  action [:enable, :start]  
end
```

Let's review the refactoring of the service resource. You returned first to the service resource in the service recipe and specify a node attribute that will give you the service name.

Execute the Tests to See it Fail



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb
```

```
FFF
```

```
Failures:
```

```
1) httpd::service When all attributes are default, on an unspecified platform converges successfully
```

```
Failure/Error: expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error  
expected no Exception, got #<NoMethodError: undefined method `[]' for nil:NilClass> with backtrace:
```

```
# /tmp/d20161027-27872-9rctn8/cookbooks/httpd/recipes/service.rb:6:in  
`from_file'
```

You executed the tests against all the recipes or the specific service recipe. A large set of errors appear as we saw last time. The error is telling us to define the node attribute.

Add the Default Node Attribute

```
~/httpd/attributes/default.rb  
  
default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'  
default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'httpd'
```

You opened the default attributes file up and defined the new node attribute at the default level.

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Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb
```

```
...
```


```
Finished in 1.06 seconds (files took 4.33 seconds to load)
```

```
3 examples, 0 failures
```

You executed the tests again and saw all the expectation have been met successfully.

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LAB




Refactor Remaining Resources

- ✓ Refactor the resource to use a Node attribute
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ✓ Add the new Node attribute
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

BONUS: Use pry to verify that the attribute has been set.

❖ Repeat this series of steps for the configuration recipe and service recipe

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Congratulations. Now you have completely refactored the resources in the cookbook to use node attributes.

Let's have a discussion.

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DISCUSSION



Discussion

What are the benefits of providing the package name and service name as node attributes?

What value does Pry provide to you as a Cookbook Developer?

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DISCUSSION



Q&A

What questions can we answer for you?


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Before we complete this section, let us pause for questions.

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With the resources now using node attributes we are ready to explore the last section which will challenge us to expand the scope of this cookbook to support multiple platforms.

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8: Testing While Refactoring to Multiple Platforms



When we started developing this cookbook I told you that we were going to continue to refactor this cookbook until it supported multiple platforms. We could have started with that goal. Instead we started small. One test. One recipe. Refactor. Add more tests. Refactor. This process allowed us to deliver a reliable cookbook in a confident way. But testing was not the only thing that aided us in building this cookbook.

Instrumental to software development and test-driven development is learning how to divide the work into these small increments. Small, deliverable, verifiable steps are essential to developing code with confidence. Now that you have seen and experienced the Test Driven Development (TDD) workflow and understand the basics, the real work that lay before you is to understand how to find these divisions in the requirements you are given.

This was a hand-picked experience. That moves we made may have seemed contrived. As with any knowledge transfer the best we can do is give you a model to play with and hope the forms hold true when it comes time for you to solve a problem with real requirements.

Slide 2

Objectives


After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Define expectations for multiple platforms
- Implement a cookbook that supports multiple platforms

In this module you will learn how to define expectations for multiple platforms and implement a cookbook that supports multiple platforms.

Slide 3

EXERCISE




Node Platform in ChefSpec

*What platform is the node when running a ChefSpec test?
How might you find out what is the platform?*

Objective:

- ☐ Insert a break point, execute the tests, and determine the node's platform
- ☐ Remove the break point and transcend documentation

Then you will bridge the gap!



In this module we are going to develop solution in the opposite of the way we started. Instead of approaching this problem from the outside-in we are going to build it inside-out.

To do that means we are going to leverage the specifications we have written that validate the resources within our recipe. But before we do we need to gather some information that is important. Like the name of the platform we are using?

We could attempt to solve this problem by looking for documentation or a general search on the Internet. Instead we will ask the one source that knows the best: the executing code itself.

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Add a Break Point to the Default Recipe

 ~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
require 'pry'  
binding.pry  
include_recipe 'httpd::install'  
include_recipe 'httpd::configuration'  
include_recipe 'httpd::service'
```

To understand the platform of the node we simply need to set a break point in one of the recipes or the attributes file.

Slide 5

Execute the Tests to Initiate Pry



```
> chef exec rspec
```

```
From: /tmp/d20161027-28748-19ibu2o/cookbooks/httpd/recipes/default.rb @ line 7  
Chef::Mixin::FromFile#from_file:
```

```
2: # Cookbook Name:: httpd
```

```
3: # Recipe:: default
```

```
4: #
```

```
5: # Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.
```

```
6: require 'pry'
```

```
=> 7: binding.pry
```

```
8: include_recipe 'httpd::install'
```

```
9: include_recipe 'httpd::service'
```

Execute the tests.

Slide 6

Query the Node Object's Platform




```
[1] pry(<Chef::Recipe>)> node.platform
```

```
"chefspec"
```

And then query the platform of the node object. The results should tell you that the platform for the node object in the ChefSpec environment is 'chefspec'.

Slide 7

REFERENCE



Fauxhai

ChefSpec by default uses a 'chefspect' platform. You can specify a platform from a list of platforms that are stored in a gem named 'Fauxhai'.

The gem contains static node objects for most major platforms and versions.

<https://github.com/customink/fauxhai/tree/master/lib/fauxhai/platforms>

<https://github.com/customink/fauxhai>

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The 'chefspect' platform is set by the ChefSpec gem. The platform has gone unspecified and this is what ChefSpec defaults to use. Now that we care about the platform we need to learn about another gem named Fauxhai. ChefSpec employs Fauxhai to provide fake node object data for various platforms.

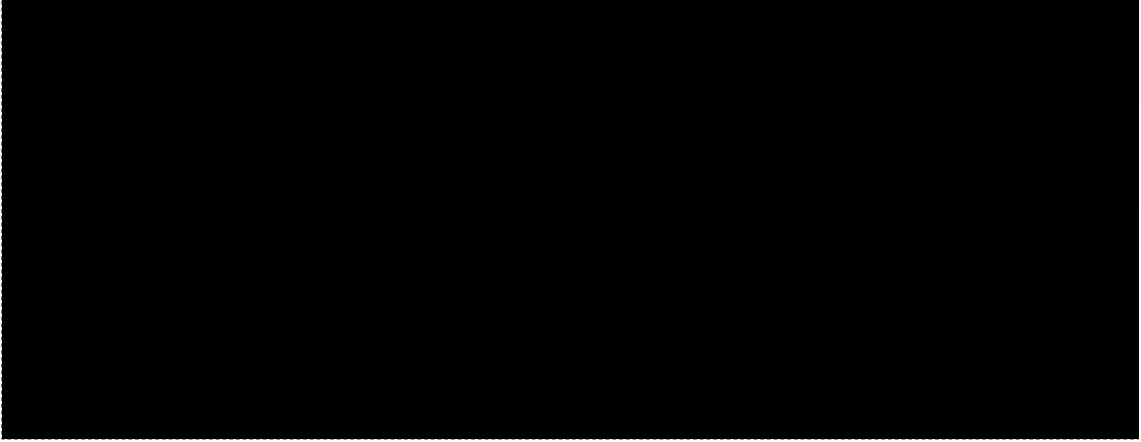
These platforms and their various versions are defined in the gem itself. Essentially the gem, at the time of writing this, contains a large number of JSON files which hold the node object results on each specific platform and version it supports. The best way to learn what platforms are provided is to read the source code in the Fauxhai repository.


Slide 8

Immediately Exit the Execution



```
[2] pry(#<Chef::Recipe>)> exit!
```




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Now that we know the platform it is time to exit the execution.

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EXERCISE




Node Platform in ChefSpec

*What platform is the node when running a ChefSpec test?
How might you find out what is the platform?*

Objective:

- ✓ Insert a break point, execute the tests, and determine the node's platform
- ❑ Remove the break point and transcend documentation

A tidy life is a healthy life.



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Using Pry we were able to learn something about the system without having to rely on documentation. To understand the available platforms you have to rely on reading the source code.

Learning this powerful skill of gathering details will help you solve mysteries and provide more details and queries when searching for help on the Internet. The better you can get at understanding when to employ Pry and how to use it will eventually have you using documentation less and using executing code and source code more.

Remove the Break Point from the Recipe


~/httpd/recipes/default.rb

```
#  
# Cookbook Name:: httpd  
# Recipe:: default  
#  
# Copyright (c) 2016 The Authors, All Rights Reserved.  
require 'pry'  
binding.pry  
include_recipe 'httpd::install'  
include_recipe 'httpd::service'
```

It is a good habit to clean up this break points. Leaving them around has a nasty habit of pausing the execution of a run you want to see complete uninterrupted.

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EXERCISE




Node Platform in ChefSpec

*What platform is the node when running a ChefSpec test?
How might you find out what is the platform?*

Objective:

- ✓ Insert a break point, execute the tests, and determine the node's platform
- ✓ Remove the break point and transcend documentation


Now I am ready to be shaved.



Now that we know the environment it is time to get to work on defining those new examples for the new platform that we want to support.

Slide 12

EXERCISE




Support for CentOS & Ubuntu

The best of both worlds!

Objective:

- ☐ Write a test that verifies the Install recipe chooses the correct package on CentOS & Ubuntu
- ☐ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ☐ Update the attribute to provide support for CentOS & Ubuntu
- ☐ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

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Together let's walk through refactoring the cookbook's install recipe. Like we have done before. When we are done it will be your turn to implement the solution for the remaining recipes.

Slide 13

Update the Context to be Platform Specific

~/spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb

```
describe 'httpd::install' do
  context 'When all attributes are default, on CentOS' do
    let(:chef_run) do
      runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new(platform: 'centos', version: '6.7')
      runner.converge(described_recipe)
    end

    it 'converges successfully' do
      expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
    end

    it 'installs the appropriate package' do
      expect(chef_run).to install_package('httpd')
    end
  end
end
# ... SPECIFICATION CONTINUES ON THE NEXT SLIDE ...
```

First we will start by updating our current specification. The context up to this point has been 'on an unspecified platform'. We want to instead state that these first two examples are for the CentOS platform. That change is purely cosmetic.

The change that matters is the one in which we provide new parameters to the `ServerRunner` class initializer that state the specific platform and version we are interested in verifying against. If we specify an unsupported platform or platform version we will see an error when the tests execute. This is again why it is important to review the Fauxhai project.

Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
```

```
..
```

```
Finished in 1.35 seconds (files took 4.51 seconds to load)  
2 examples, 0 failures
```

Because we made changes the original expectations it might be a good moment to execute the tests and ensure that everything is still working for the CentOS platform.

Slide 15

Add a Second Context for Another Platform

~/spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb

```
# ... CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS SLIDE ...
context 'When all attributes are default, on Ubuntu' do
  let(:chef_run) do
    runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new(platform: 'ubuntu', version: '14.04')
    runner.converge(described_recipe)
  end

  it 'converges successfully' do
    expect { chef_run }.to_not raise_error
  end


  it 'installs the necessary package' do
    expect(chef_run).to install_package('apache2')
  end
end
end
```

Now return to the specification file and alongside CentOS example group it is time to define the example group that will contain the examples for the Ubuntu 14.04 platform.

The format is nearly identical between these two example groups save for the context, the parameters specified to the ServerRunner initialization, and the name of the necessary package to install.

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EXERCISE




Support for CentOS & Ubuntu

Seems like a lot of duplication but its worth it for the test coverage.

Objective:

- ✓ Write a test that verifies the Install recipe chooses the correct package on CentOS & Ubuntu
- ❑ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ❑ Update the attribute to provide support for CentOS & Ubuntu
- ❑ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

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The examples have now been defined for the existing platform and the new platform.

Execute the Tests to See it Fail



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
```

```
...F
```

```
Failures:
```


```
1) httpd::install When all attributes are default, on Ubuntu
   installs the appropriate package
   Failure/Error: expect(chef_run).to install_package('apache2')
     expected "package[apache2]" with action :install to be in
     Chef run. Other package resources:
```

```
apt_package[httpd]
```

When it comes time to execute the tests we should see that defining the new platform will not raise an error when it converges but will fail to meet the expectation that we installed the correctly named package.

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EXERCISE




Support for CentOS & Ubuntu

Failure means we have work to do!

Objective:


- ✓ Write a test that verifies the Install recipe chooses the correct package on CentOS & Ubuntu
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ❑ Update the attribute to provide support for CentOS & Ubuntu
- ❑ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

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The name of the package is defined in the attributes file. That is what we refactored to support in the last section. It is now time to return to the attributes file and have it specify a different package name based on the platform.

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CONCEPT



Switching on Node Platform

To control the flow of execution we need to employ some Ruby conditional statements. Conditional statements allow us to alter this control flow. Because we have access to the power of Ruby we have many choices.

https://docs.chef.io/dsl_recipe.html#case-statements

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To set the node attribute conditionally based on the platform means we are going to need to control the way that Ruby parses the code based on the state of the node platform. Ruby provides many ways to control the flow and several of them are documented in the recipe Domain Specific Language (DSL).

Update the Attributes to Support Platforms

~/httpd/attributes/default.rb

```
case node['platform']
when 'ubuntu'
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'apache2'
else
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
end

default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'httpd'
default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html'
```


A very common way is to define a case statement. The case statement allows you to provide a value or value stored in a variable to the case keyword. Then following the case statement are a number of 'when' statements. Each 'when' needs to be provided with a value or value stored in a variable. If the value in the case statement equals the value in when statement then it is match and the flow of execution will take that path and ignore all others.

If none were to match we might be in trouble as the node attribute would never be set so we can use an 'else' statement which is as good as saying if none of those match then use this path.

The order of the case statement is particularly important as well. The first match that is made is the path the execution will take.

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EXERCISE




Support for CentOS & Ubuntu

This should do it!

Objective:

- ✓ Write a test that verifies the Install recipe chooses the correct package on CentOS & Ubuntu
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ✓ Update the attribute to provide support for CentOS & Ubuntu
- ❑ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass

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Now that the attributes file has been updated it is time execute the tests again and see if we defined this conditional logic correctly.

Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/install_spec.rb
```

```
....
```


```
Finished in 1.35 seconds (files took 4.51 seconds to load)
```

```
4 examples, 0 failures
```

Executing the tests we should see both platforms will converge without error and install the necessary packages.

Slide 23

EXERCISE




Support for CentOS & Ubuntu

Woot! Multi-platform support for the installation!

Objective:

- ✓ Write a test that verifies the Install recipe chooses the correct package on CentOS & Ubuntu
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests fail
- ✓ Update the attribute to provide support for CentOS & Ubuntu
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests pass


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This approach to leverage the existing examples and use them to help define new examples for a new platform allowed us to build confidence through testing from the inside-out.

Taking this inside-out approach can feel right in situations where you know the steps you have to take.

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LAB




Support for CentOS & Ubuntu

- ❑ Write a test that verifies the Service recipe chooses the service named 'httpd' on CentOS and 'apache2' on Ubuntu
- ❑ Execute the tests and verify the tests **fail**
- ❑ Update the attribute to choose the service name 'httpd' on CentOS and 'apache2' on Ubuntu
- ❑ Execute the tests and verify the tests **pass**

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Now as an exercise for you it is time to do the same thing for the service recipe. The service for Ubuntu is named 'apache2'. Start with the changes to the specifications, move through see the failure, update to use the same conditional statement structure and then see the examples verify your work.

Update the Context to be Platform Specific

~/spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb

```
describe 'httpd::service' do
  context 'When all attributes are default, on CentOS' do
    let(:chef_run) do
      runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new(platform: 'centos', version: '6.7')
      runner.converge(described_recipe)
    end
    # ... it converges successfully ...

    it 'starts the appropriate service' do
      expect(chef_run).to start_service('httpd')
    end

    it 'enables the appropriate service' do
      expect(chef_run).to enable_service('httpd')
    end
    # ... SPECIFICATION CONTINUES ON THE NEXT SLIDE ...
  end
end
```

Let's review the changes to the service specification. You start with ensuring the existing CentOS platform is explicitly stated in the context and defined in the parameters provided to the ServerRunner initialization.

Slide 26

Add a Second Context for Another Platform

~/spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb

```
# ... CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS SLIDE ...
context 'When all attributes are default, on Ubuntu' do
  let(:chef_run) do
    runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new(platform: 'ubuntu', version: '14.04')
    runner.converge(described_recipe)
  end
  # ... it converges successfully ...

  it 'starts the appropriate service' do
    expect(chef_run).to start_service('apache2')
  end
  it 'enables the appropriate service' do
    expect(chef_run).to enable_service('apache2')
  end
end
end
```

You now define an entire example group dedicated to the Ubuntu platform which defines the same structure of examples but with the values that are important for the platform.

Execute the Tests to See it Fail



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb
```

```
....FF
```

Failures:

```
1) httpd::service When all attributes are default, on Ubuntu
starts the appropriate service
   Failure/Error: expect(chef_run).to start_service('apache2')
     expected "service[apache2]" with action :start to be in
Chef run. Other service resources:
```

```
service[httpd]
```

Executing the test you would see the appropriate failures for the correctly named services not being started and enabled.

Update the Attribute to Support Platforms

~/httpd/attributes/default.rb

```
case node['platform']
when 'ubuntu'
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'apache2'
  default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'apache2'
else
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
  default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'httpd'
end

default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'httpd'
default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html'
```

Updating the attributes for the service should be a little less work because the structure is all in place.

Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/service_spec.rb
```

```
.....
```


```
Finished in 1.84 seconds (files took 4.22 seconds to load)
```

```
6 examples, 0 failures
```

Finally when we execute the tests again we see that all the examples pass.

Slide 30

LAB




Support for CentOS & Ubuntu

- ✓ Write a test that verifies the Service recipe chooses the service named 'httpd' on CentOS and 'apache2' on Ubuntu
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests **fail**
- ✓ Update the attribute to choose the service name 'httpd' on CentOS and 'apache2' on Ubuntu
- ✓ Execute the tests and verify the tests **pass**

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That was nearly identical and a good way to reinforce the testing flow.

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LAB



Support for CentOS & Ubuntu

- ❑ Write a test that verifies the file recipe chooses the same path (name) `'/var/www/html/index.html'` on CentOS and on Ubuntu
- ❑ Execute the tests that verify the tests **pass**
- ❑ Update the attribute to choose the same path on CentOS and on Ubuntu
- ❑ Execute the tests that verify the tests **pass**
- ❑ Get nervous! Mutate the attributes file!
- ❑ Undo the entire attributes change and verify the tests **pass**

This is where it all comes together.



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Now only the configuration recipe remains. The default index HTML page for Ubuntu and CentOS are exactly the same. So when you define the new examples you actually will not see the failure. Then when you make the changes to the attributes file you will not see the failure. At that point you have written two new examples for the Ubuntu platform and it is important to ensure those tests fail. So pick a mutation (e.g. remove a line or specify an incorrect value) for the Ubuntu flow and ensure you see the failure.

Finally take a look at the code that you have created and ask yourself is that change better?

Slide 32

Update the Context to be Platform Specific

```
~/spec/unit/recipes/configuration_spec.rb

describe 'httpd::configuration' do
  context 'When all attributes are default, on CentOS' do
    let(:chef_run) do
      runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new(platform: 'centos', version: '6.7')
      runner.converge(described_recipe)
    end
    # ... it converges successfully ...

    it 'creates a default index html page' do
      expect(chef_run).to create_file('/var/www/html/index.html')
    end
  end
end

# .... SPECIFICATION CONTINUES ON THE NEXT SLIDE ....
```

Same as before we start with some maintenance of CentOS examples.

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Add a Second Context for Another Platform

```
~/spec/unit/recipes/configuration_spec.rb

# ... CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS SLIDE ...

context 'When all attributes are default, on Ubuntu' do
  let(:chef_run) do
    runner = ChefSpec::ServerRunner.new(platform: 'ubuntu', version: '14.04')
    runner.converge(described_recipe)
  end
  # ... it converges successfully ...

  it 'creates a default index html page' do
    expect(chef_run).to create_file('/var/www/html/index.html')
  end
end
end
```

You then define another example group dedicated to the Ubuntu platform. Except this time the expectation is exactly the same.

Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/configuration_spec.rb
```

```
....
```

```
Finished in 1.84 seconds (files took 4.22 seconds to load)
```

```
4 examples, 0 failures
```

Executing the tests shows you that everything is working.

Update the Attribute to Support Platforms

~/httpd/attributes/default.rb

```
case node['platform']
when 'ubuntu'
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'apache2'
  default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'apache2'
  default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html'
else
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
  default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'httpd'
  default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html'
end

default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html'
```

You implemented the change that we have done before.

Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/configuration_spec.rb
```

```
....
```

```
Finished in 1.84 seconds (files took 4.22 seconds to load)
```

```
4 examples, 0 failures
```

And finally see the tests pass again. This is where you should become uncomfortable that we may have a false positive and that is a good time to ensure that you do not by mutating the code.

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Update the Attribute to Support Platforms

~/httpd/attributes/default.rb

```
case node['platform']
when 'ubuntu'
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'apache2'
  default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'apache2'
  default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html2'
else
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
  default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'httpd'
  default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html'
end
end
```

So anywhere in the Ubuntu flow of execution make a small mutation. In the example I am providing I have chosen a different path. Removing the attribute is another option as well.

Execute the Tests to See it Pass



```
> chef exec rspec spec/unit/recipes/configuration_spec.rb
```

```
...F
```

```
Finished in 1.84 seconds (files took 4.22 seconds to load)
```

```
4 examples, 1 failures
```

Executing the tests should net at least one failure and that should give you more confidence that the expectations you have written are doing the work you want them to do.

Update the Attribute to Support Platforms

~/httpd/attributes/default.rb

```
case node['platform']
when 'ubuntu'
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'apache2'
  default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'apache2'
  default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html'
else
  default['httpd']['package_name'] = 'httpd'
  default['httpd']['service_name'] = 'httpd'
  default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html'
end

default['httpd']['default_index_html'] = '/var/www/html/index.html'
```

Finally you might restore the code. Removing the mutation.


You may even choose to undo the change the proposed change. This is up to you to make the decision. In the example shown here I have returned to the original implementation. The original implementation worked, executing our tests proved it. Whether you should leave the attribute defined in the case statement or outside of it is up to you.

Leaving it in the case statements ensures that all values are defined on the platform. If a value on a particular platform were to change we would simply need to only change it within that platform's flow of control. However, if you never implement another platform you have created two lines of code. Some may argue the fewer lines of code you issue or statements you place inside of a conditional make it easier to read and understand.

The most important thing is that the examples you defined should remain in the specification regardless of the implementation. The examples describe the expected behavior of the platform.

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LAB



Support for CentOS & Ubuntu

- ✓ Write a test that verifies the file recipe chooses the same path (name) `'/var/www/html/index.html'` on CentOS and on Ubuntu
- ✓ Execute the tests that verify the tests **pass**
- ✓ Update the attribute to choose the same path on CentOS and on Ubuntu
- ✓ Execute the tests that verify the tests **pass**
- ✓ Get nervous! Mutate the attributes file!
- ✓ Undo the entire attributes change and verify the tests **pass**

There is only one more thing to do.




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Congratulations!


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PROBLEM



What About an Integration Test

Remember that ChefSpec and Fauxhai are fake in-memory representations of a chef-client run. They are not equivalent to running the recipe on the specified platform.

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Now that we have finished building everything from the inside-out. It is finally time to see if the integration test works. This is important. When building recipes with ChefSpec you can very quickly make mistakes. Those mistakes are not the typos or omissions we have made. These are the mistakes that only the platform can catch.

Because we have been doing everything in-memory we really do not know if the package name, file path, or service name actually works. The only way to prove that is to apply the recipe to that platform.

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EXERCISE



Integration Test with Ubuntu

This is where it all started.

Objective:

- ☐ Update the Kitchen Configuration to test on Ubuntu
- ☐ Execute the integration tests and verify that they pass

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So for our last and final exercise together lets update the Kitchen configuration to give us the ability to test on the Ubuntu platform.

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Add a New Platform to the Kitchen Configuration

```
~/httpd/.kitchen.yml

---
driver:
  name: docker

provisioner:
  name: chef_zero

platforms:
  - name: centos-6.7
  - name: ubuntu-14.04

suites:
  - name: default
    run_list:
      - recipe[httpd::default]
    attributes:
```

Within the kitchen configuration we define the new Ubuntu 14.04 platform.

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Verify the New Instance is Present




```
> kitchen list
```

Instance	Driver	Provisioner	Verifier	Transport	Last Action
default-centos-67	Docker	ChefZero	Busser	Ssh	Set Up
default-ubuntu-1404	Docker	ChefZero	Busser	Ssh	<Not Created>

We verify that the platform exists within the list of instances.

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EXERCISE




Integration Test with Ubuntu

Fingers crossed

Objective:

- ✓ Update the Kitchen Configuration to test on Ubuntu
- ❑ Execute the integration tests and verify that they pass

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And now it is time to execute the test suite. By choosing a very valuable and implementation free ServerSpec example, is the website up and running in localhost, we can be fairly certain that the expectations should be met.

Execute the Tests for All Platforms



```
> kitchen test
```


```
-----> Starting Kitchen (v1.4.2)
-----> Cleaning up any prior instances of <default-centos-67>
-----> Destroying <default-centos-67>...
        Finished destroying <default-centos-67> (0m0.00s).
-----> Testing <default-centos-67>
-----> Creating <default-centos-67>...
```

To execute the tests against both platforms run 'kitchen test'. Because we have two instances and did not specify a particular instance with the command it will run tests against all the listed instances.

This might be a good time to get up and move around as it will take some time.

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EXERCISE




Integration Test with Ubuntu

Now I'm sure the cookbook works on two platforms and it would be easy to add a third ... or fourth.

Objective:

- ✓ Update the Kitchen Configuration to test on Ubuntu
- ✓ Execute the integration tests and verify that they pass

Your work has only begun




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The expectations should pass and this brings the last exercise to a close.

Let's have a discussion.

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DISCUSSION




Discussion

What are the benefits and drawbacks of defining unit tests for multiple platforms?

What are the benefits and drawbacks of defining integration tests for multiple platforms?


When testing multiple platforms would you start with integration tests or unit tests?

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DISCUSSION




Q&A

What questions can we answer for you?

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Before we complete this section, let us pause for questions.

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Thank you for your time and attention.

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